

Year 1 Summer 2024

Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to our final term in Year 1! We hope you had a lovely Easter break and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We have a fun-filled and busy Summer term ahead so please make a note of the diary dates and weekly routine reminders. We are very much looking forward to all the new learning that will be taking place throughout the term.

Project – Let it Grow!

Our project this half term is called 'Let it Grow'. In Science, we will be learning about what plants need to be able to grow. In English, we will be exploring Christopher Nibble stories to help us learn and understand the importance of recycling and reusing. In DT, we will be designing and making a wheelbarrow prototype for Christopher Nibbles. We will then create an advert to persuade people to look after the environment. In Art, the children will continue to explore the work of Georgia O'Keeffe by using their sketching and observation skills to draw different types of flowers. We will then be creating a flower print.

Market days

Our Year 1 Market Day group are currently very busy making a Nature inspired suncatcher to sell at the market during the Summer Fayre on Saturday 22nd June 2024.

Dates for the diary!

15/5/2024 – School Trip to Testwood Lakes (Butterflies)

16/5/2024 – School Trip to Testwood Lakes (Ladybirds and Bumblebees)

23/5/2024 Year One celebration afternoon (more information to follow shortly)

27/5/2024 – Half Term week

3/6/2024 – Year 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon

10/6/2024 – Reserve date Year 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon

22/6/2024 – Summer Fayre – 'School within a Garden'

27/06/2024 – Move up afternoon (meet your new teacher)

24/6/2024 – INSET Day

17/7/2024 and 18/7/2024 – Rock bottom performances

12/07/2024 – Reports home to parents

23/07/2024 – End of Year (optional early finish of 1:15pm)

Reading rewards

Following on from the surveys Mrs Adams did earlier on in the spring term, we are launching our new Berrywood home reading initiative this summer term. All children that read at least four times a week will be entered into a weekly reading raffle – there is a big surprise coming for our superstar readers. Pupils' home reading will be monitored weekly and celebrated in school using our new home reading cards. Each time a pupil reads at least four times per week, their card will be initialled and displayed in class. Mrs Adams will be coming round to note down all the keen readers.

The more you read, not only will you have a greater chance in our reading raffle, but you will also become a skilled and effective reader too! We will also continue with a dojo per read in addition to this.

KS1 parents, don't forget to sign up for our first parents'/guardians' phonics workshop on Thursday 2nd May 2024 where Mrs Adams will be sharing information on our new phonics programme: Essential Letters and Sounds. There will be tips and strategies for supporting your children in developing early reading skills.

Weekly routines and reminders

Wednesday – Cricket

Thursday – Athletics (sports day practise)

Friday – Library

Please ensure that your child has their library book in school so that they can change weekly.

Friday – New spellings home in blue book

As the weather starts to get warmer, please make sure your child has a named hat to wear whilst outside in the sun. Also, please ensure that your child's jumper has their name clearly written in it so that they are able to locate it again after taking it off! Your child will need to continue to bring in a named water bottle (only containing water please).

Finally...

We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to continuing this term with lots of fun, engaging and creative learning opportunities and working together with you and your child.