



Dear parents / carers,

Summer term is here already! Please find below a summary of what the children will be learning in school this term.

English

We will be continuing to use the Power of Reading approach to teaching English, starting with *Christopher Nibble* and relating the majority of our English work to that book.

We are revising Phase 5 phonics this term and preparing the children for the phonics screening check in early June.

Maths

We will again be covering a wide range of maths topics this term. This will include adding three small numbers, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, comparing weights and capacities and beginning to look at time. It would be really helpful if you could have at least one traditional analogue clock at home to help with telling the time.

Science

To start this term we shall be growing plants and looking at a variety of wild and garden plants including trees. Later in the term we shall be considering the different types of animals and distinguishing between carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

History

After half-term we shall be looking at similarities and differences in children's lives now and in the past by investigating toys. This will be supported by our trip to the Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green. Details to follow shortly.

Geography

We will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world. We will also be looking at the location of our school and studying its playground and comparing this to another playground.

Computing

This term the children will explore word processing packages and consider how to use technology safely and respectfully.

PE

Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day that fits. This should include a tracksuit and trainers for outside games, as well as shorts and plimsolls for indoor activities. For the first half of this term, we will be having athletics with an athletics coach. We are looking forward to getting outside to enjoy PE!

Art/Music

This term we will start our singing lessons with Mrs Robbins. Art will continue to be linked to other topics we are covering as well as teaching new skills.

RE

In RE, the children will learn about aspects of Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism. We will be visiting a local church in May which we are really looking forward to!

Homework

We are starting to give homework out when reading books are changed on a Friday. This will be due back on the following Thursday. Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday for a test on the following Thursday. Please remember that the children should be reading at home every day as part of their regular homework routine.

Summer Weather

As the summer approaches please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle in school with them every day. We would also advise you to apply sun tan lotion when necessary to protect against sun burn.

Please feel free to come and see us at a mutually convenient time if there is anything you would like to discuss further.

Yours Sincerely,
The Year 1 Team