



Year 1 Newsletter - Summer 1

Hello everyone and happy Summer Term ... I think I said in my last Newsletter that it wouldn't be long before I was reminding you all to try and make sure that the children all have sun-cream, sun hats and plenty of water but it was more in hope than expectation and then look at the weather we've had - it's been wonderful! Thank you for being ready to respond as we have all made sure we've stayed safe in the sun this week! This term is a very short one and yet we are aiming to pack an awful lot into it. I have even begun to remind the children how close they are to becoming a Year 2 class - can you believe it - but I am going to make sure we enjoy as much of our final full term together as possible! On Wednesday, we will now have Mrs Kelley working with the children in Year 1 for this half-term. I know that she very much enjoyed her first day working with the children this last week and already recognises what a brilliant group of children they are! Remember, my door is always open so please feel free to find me in needed! *Mr Atkinson*

OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECTS:

Science - Use of Everyday Materials
Art - Sculptors and Sculpture - What is a Sculpture?
French - Colours and Numbers
Computing - Coding - 2Code
Goeg. - How can we make a map to represent our school?
PE - FMS (Fundamental Movement Skills) and Athletics
Music - Sing Up: - Dancing and Drawing to Nautilus
PSHE - Being the Best Me / 'My Happy Mind' - Relate
RE - Hindu Dharma: What do Hindus believe about God?



Reading Books (including Library books):

We have been celebrating our love of reading in Year 1 and looking back over all of the books we have worked on in our English lessons this year so far. Please do ask the children about some of their 'Class Reads' and what they have enjoyed the most about them!
'Recommended reads' and school Library Books are now being taken home on a more regular basis and home books will continue to be changed as often as possible! Many thanks for your support!

ENGLISH:

Phonics - Daily sessions focussing on Phases 3-5 with regular assessments
Revision of 'split vowels' and Yr1 tricky words and increasing all of the children's overall vocabulary!
Spelling - Daily sessions within phonics
Reading - Individual, with their own reading books, and guided reading tasks
Handwriting - Lots of fine motor skills as well as practising our cursive style.
Writing - Tasks based around our Year 1 stories:

'The Night Pirates' by P. Harris
& 'The Magic Bed' by J. Burningham

MATHS:

We will continue to work very hard on many aspects of our Mathematics!
This half-term our topics are:
Place Value, Add and Subtract, Capacity and Volume, Fractions, Position / Direction and Time, 2D and 3D Shapes.

How you can help at home:

- **Attendance** - excellent attendance at school is essential for the children to be successful in their learning. Please try to avoid taking holidays during term time!
- **Reading** - 'little and often' at home will continue to help the children massively.
- **Communication** - please make myself (or one of the other adults working with your child) aware of any events which may impact on your child's well-being in school.
- **Home Learning** - I always enjoy looking at the effort that so many put into their Homework and I know this only happens with your support so thank you again for all the help that is given with Homework!

INFORMATION, DATES & REMINDERS:

Homework book - **Fridays**

Library books - **Tuesdays**

Reading Folders - **Everyday**

Website - Follow the link to our class page on the school website:
<https://www.clifton-pri.lancs.sch.uk/year-1>

PE Days - **Wednesdays and Fridays**

May Day (Closed): 5th May

PTFA Disco: 22nd May

Term ends: Friday 23rd May

Please do remember the children's sunhats, suncream and water bottles!