



Year 1

Half Termly Update

Summer 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a relaxing half term. We are so excited to start the last half term as we have lots of exciting things ahead of us. Below you will find an overview of all the great things the children will be learning. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We will let you know all about exciting upcoming trips and year 1 assembly as the term progresses.

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team

English

This half term the children will have the chance to read a range of fiction texts, including: **The Proudest Blue, Jack and the Beanstalk** and **write a letter to their new teacher**. The children will have the opportunity to complete a creative writing piece based on the traditional tale Jack and the beanstalk, an information piece and a diary entry. We have been so impressed with the progress the children have made this year – we can't wait to see what they come up with!

Phonics

The Year 1 children have made fantastic progress with their phonics. This half term includes the phonics screening check which allows the teachers to know exactly how well the children can read 'real' and 'alien words'. We always encourage a passion and love for reading therefore it is advised that you read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day.

Maths

This half term the children will be learning to count forwards and backwards to 100. The children will learn read and write numbers to 100 in numerals and then to compare numbers. The children will spend time consolidating all the work they have learnt over the year such as addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, and measurement! We recommend children to continue practising in their 2s, 5s and 10s at home. Another way to support your child is to practise their number bonds with them.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at **Plants**. The children will discuss what they already know about plants, building on their learning from Reception. Children will learn to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants. They will also get the chance to plant a seed themselves and watch it grow!

History

This half term the children will continue to develop their historical knowledge and skills when learning about the life of **Grace Darling**. The children will learn about her incredible story and achievements as a lighthouse keeper. The children will look at different versions of her story and spot the similarities and differences in how her story has been documented.

P.E.

Please continue to send your child to school in their P.E. kit on **Mondays**. This term the children will learn the difference between running, jogging and sprinting and how to do different activities such as sprinting from a standing start and how to run and jump over small hurdles. We are looking forward to our sports day on Tuesday 17th June allows all the children to show off their skills.

R.E.

This half term, we will continue to look at what it means to belong to a faith community. Children will reflect upon how it feels to be part of a group and discuss the fact that people have different religious beliefs. There will be an opportunity to think about ceremonies that show belonging, such as christenings within the Christian faith. They will then look at symbols that show belonging, for example the hijab in Islam and the kippah in Judaism.

Music

The children will continue to have music lessons on a **Mondays**. They have this with Lena our school music teacher. During lessons, they learn many different rhythmic skills and songs.

Homework

Please find time to support your child with their homework. They will be given five spellings each week to practise and then they will have a spelling test on Fridays. Don't forget to remind them to login to Doodlemaths to complete their tasks.