

05th May 2022

Key Stage 1 Summer Term Update



Well time is flying by already this Summer term as we move quickly into the second week! The children have come back very positive, enthusiastic and ready to take on new learning challenges.

Curriculum News:

We have some exciting learning to look forward to this term with our new topic 'What a Wonderful World!' in the first half term. We will also be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with our own class tea parties and exploring the importance of exercise and eating the right amount of different foods in our 'You are What you Eat' topic after half term. This week the children will be taking part in a class 'Carnival of Animals' and creating their own mask for the parade. They will be finding out more about animals including;

- Naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- Developing an understanding about, and name different carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.



The children will be starting the term by using pattern, shape and colour to create their own tropical bird and then using a range of materials and processes they will design and make a habitat for their tropical bird. They will also be developing pattern and colour techniques to create a picture in the style of the artist Gaudi.

****Please could we have any shoe boxes of any size so that we are able to create our amazing bird habitats****

In RE this term the children will be finding out about 'Shabbat', how and why the Jewish people celebrate the 7th day of rest. We will be having a visitor in to school to help us learn all about Shabbat, and they will also be looking at the Jewish holiday of Hanukah and making their own Challah bread. A letter about this will follow.

KS1 Sports Day:

In preparation for **Sports Day in the afternoon of 23rd June**, we will be focussing on an athletics skill such as relay races, hurdles, running and javelin throwing skills. We encourage children to be physically active for sustained periods of time, building up their stamina to engage in competitive sports and activities. They will be working in teams to encourage sportsmanship, as well as being resilient when trying to learn new skills and improve on their own personal goals.



****Parents are invited to attend Sports day if you are able to and you will be able to access the school field via the side green BITT gate - exact timings to follow****

Summer Term School Trip:

We are hoping to take the children out on another school trip this term but we are just trying to finalise dates and details, so we will let you know soon when we have confirmation of this.



Reading Assessments:

All children who are currently following the Read, Write, Inc. program have now completed an assessment last week to ensure they are accessing the correct colour band. If your child's class teacher is concerned about your child's progress and feel they need to consolidate their phonics, they may inform you that they are revisiting a colour band. This is to ensure they feel confident with identifying key sounds before moving on to more challenging books with longer texts.

In the last week, all children read to their class teacher and many have moved colour bands. We are encouraging the children to change their books independently when they have read their banded reading book at least 2 times. Please continue to support your child with their reading by listening to them read for at least 20 minutes each day.

End of Year Assessments:

During this term, the Year 1's will be completing the statutory Phonics Screening check which assesses if children can apply their ability to decode sounds to correctly read 40 words, to ensure that they can apply the same principles to learning new words as their vocabulary grows. The children have been practising these in school and we will be posting further information and extra words for the children to practice in the memos section of Tapestry.

The Year 2's will also be completing statutory end of year assessments in May called SATS (Standard Assessment Tests). These are informal and the children are not aware they are called SATS and have been practising SATS style questions during the Spring term so that they are familiar with the format of the papers. These tests will be completed in Reading, Writing and Maths and help to inform the teacher of their level in these areas.

Additional homework to support children in the lead up to these tests will be added to the memo section of Tapestry, but any additional reading with a focus on comprehension questions to check they understand what they have read, writing to improve stamina and mental arithmetic to increase fluency would help to support your child.

Any plant donations welcome!

Just incase anyone missed the Tapestry memo, if anyone would like to donate any plants that the children can pot up for our new covered outside area, we would be really grateful. Thank you to those of you who have generously donated so far.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Miss Cox, Miss Sparks, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Staddon

Key Stage 1 Team

