



Year 1

Summer Term 1

Welcome to the summer term!

We have a very busy few weeks ahead and hope that this newsletter will give you an overview of some of the things your child will be learning this half term. As always, please come and see us if there is anything we can help with, or if you would like any further information.

Reading continues to be extremely important this half term, and the children will continue with the Little Wandle phonics scheme. They will be revising and working hard to read all the Phase 4 and Phase 5 sounds, ready for the phonics screening assessment in June. Please continue to record any reading your child does, especially their scheme book, in their reading diary.

If you would like any further support with helping your child read at home, please get in touch.

Our topic this half term is **science**-based and focuses on plants. The children will be building on their knowledge and learning from Foundation. They will learn the names of some common garden and wild plants and will have opportunities to observe and explore different parts of a flowering plant. In our continuous provision, the children will be encouraged to work in the 'garden centre', giving them lots of opportunities for role play, label writing, observations, drawings and sorting.

We have a few ukulele lessons left, and these will continue to take place every Wednesday.

Your child will also be visiting Calverton Library every Wednesday. Please have a look at our ClassDojo for further information on this.

In **English**, we will be reading and writing sentences based on *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Hector and the Big Bad Knight* and *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse*. The children will be learning to check and edit their own sentences for capital letters, full stops and tricky word spellings.

Our **Maths** work builds on previous learning and continues to follow the White Rose scheme. The children will be developing their place value skills, working with numbers up to 50. They will then move on to simple multiplication and division, followed by fractions. The majority of this work focuses on understanding doubling and halving.

In **Geography**, the children will be looking at their local area and finding out more about where they live. We will then move on to learning the names and capital cities of the countries in the United Kingdom and locating these on a map.

In **Art**, the children will be starting a project making birds. They will develop the relationship between drawing and making, transforming materials into sculpture, and moving from mark-making to balance and structure.

Our **PE** lessons will continue to be every Monday and Tuesday. The children will be taking part in a variety of athletic activities, as well as running and jumping games.

In **RE**, we will be looking at religious symbols. The children will be focusing their learning on how churches and synagogues are important to believers.

Our **PSHE and Relationships** work this half term is based on 'Being My Best'. The children will be learning about healthy eating, including 'eating a rainbow' and the importance of keeping their bodies clean.

Finally, we are always looking for parents or carers to help us in school by listening to readers or helping us walk to and from church or the library. If this is something you would be interested in, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Watson