



Year 1

Summer Term 2

Welcome to our final half term of Year 1!

The school year has flown by, and we can't believe that we are now in our final half term of Year 1! We have lots planned for the end of the year, and hopefully this newsletter will give you some more information about what your child will be learning over the next few weeks.

Next week, the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place. Please have a look at the letter we posted on Class Dojo before half term to find out more about this assessment. Any extra reading and practising at home of Phase 5 digraphs will be useful.

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 animals, including humans. The children will be building on their knowledge and learning from the Foundation Stage. They will learn the names of different parts of the human body and identify and classify common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will also learn to identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. The topic ends with a visit to White Post Farm, which will take place on Wednesday 15th July. More information about this trip will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

In English, we will be reading and writing sentences based on *Hibernation Hotel* and *Meerkat Mail*. The children will be learning to check and edit their own sentences for capital letters, full stops and tricky word spellings. They will be learning how to spell words with suffixes and use simple conjunctions to join their ideas. The children will be writing non-fiction facts about a range of different animals.

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, learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, followed by fractions. The majority of this work focuses on understanding doubling and halving. At the end of the year, the children will be learning about money, recognising and counting coins and notes, and then learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. Any extra practice telling the time at home will be really useful and is a great skill to have before starting Year 2.

In History, we will be asking the question: *How have explorers changed the world?* The children will learn about Christopher Columbus and Matthew Henson and use photographs, diary extracts and stories to find out about their lives.

In Art, the children will continue making the birds that we started last half term. They will then begin their DT work on Dips and Dippers, where they will be designing, preparing and tasting a range of dips.

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. Key Stage 1 Sports Day will be on Wednesday 8th July – fingers crossed for some good weather!

In RE, we will be looking at the Gospel and asking the question, '*What is the Good News that Jesus Brings?*'

In Music, the children will work on pitch and tempo. They will identify and perform high and low notes, then create two-note and three-note patterns. They will learn how to identify and perform changes in tempo and will have opportunities to prepare and perform a musical piece within a group.

Our PSHE and Relationships work this half term is based on *Growing and Changing*. A letter about this topic was shared before half term.

Finally, please do get in touch if there is anything at all we can help or support with. Our classroom door is always open.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Watson