

**Summer Term 2021
(Year 1)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are well and enjoyed the Easter break.

We would like to share with you an overview of the term ahead. In maths, we will be looking at and exploring addition and subtraction, before moving onto studying 2D and 3D shapes. Children can continue to login at home to practise their maths using Mathletics.

In English sessions, we will begin by focusing on the book, 'Where the Wild Things are' by Maurice Sendak. We will be using the story to write sentences and begin to sequence our own narrative. We will also be using Colin the Caterpillar to support with our writing by reminding us to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops within our sentences. During the second part of the Summer term, we will be reading the book, 'Why do we remember? Neil Armstrong and the moon landings' by Izzi Howell. Our texts for English will be used to support us with our writing, as we compose stories, fact files, recounts and descriptions.

In History lessons this term, the children will be learning all about Neil Armstrong and how he influenced space travel. We will begin by exploring the chronology of events within his life, before using picture sources to find out about the past. We will conclude the topic by investigating the impact that the Apollo 11 mission had on space travel. In Geography this term, we will be learning all about the UK. We will focus on capitals, countries and seas within the UK.

In Science, we will study everyday materials and their properties. We will be learning about different objects and the materials they are made from, as well as describing the physical properties of everyday materials. We will conclude the topic by comparing and grouping materials based on their properties. We will also continue our seasonal changes focus to investigate how the weather and trees within our school grounds have changed throughout the seasons.

To support classroom based study, we ordinarily plan x2 educational visits (x1 per half term) linked to topics in class, and to support creative writing. These visits always provide a valuable learning experience, which will link directly with teaching back in school, and we look forward to reintroducing these visits when it is safe to do so.

Please remember...

After the Easter break, we ask that all children come to school wearing their school uniform. Your child will change into their PE kit when in school. Please ensure that their PE kit is brought into school each Monday. PE kit will return home each Friday to be washed for the following week. **Year 1 PE is every Monday and Tuesday.**

It's vitally important that your child practices their reading at home and brings their reading book to school every day – please support your child to clock-up their reading miles!

School Holidays in the Summer Term 2021

School closes for Half term – Friday 28th May

School reopens – Monday 7th June

School closes for Summer – Friday 16th July

School reopens – Thursday 2nd September

We strongly discourage holidays taken during term time. For more information, please contact Mrs K Maddison (Family Support Advisor) via main reception.

Kindest regards,
Miss Keeling, Mrs Childs, Miss Jarvis and Mr Reay (Y1 Team)