



Class 1 Newsletter

Term 5

Summer Term

Be the BEST You Can Be

Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

WELCOME!

Hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. It has been lovely to embrace longer days and sit outside with friends and family in sun, wind, hailstones and snow over the holidays!

Term 5 will continue to bring some stability to learning and hopefully lots more 'normality' as the summer rolls in. We are now joining with Class 2 in our bubble and will be coming into school and leaving at the same time as them - 8:40am/2.50pm.

What we are learning

Our **topic** this term is A Street Through Time. We will be looking at the changing picture of how people lived from the Stone Age to present day exploring how people have stayed full, warm and clean.

In **English**, we will go back to a time before people existed and tap into a firm children's favourite... dinosaurs. We will be using Talk for Writing to write a story and also a dinosaur report. We will continue to work through Phase 5 in phonics.

At the start of the term, in **Maths** we will be recapping Place Value to 50 before continuing to become more fluent and confident when counting up in 2, 5 and 10 as the basis to recalling table facts. Towards the end of this term we will be learning about fractions and finding out what $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ are in terms of quantities of shape and number. Our KIRF for this term is *I know doubles and halves of numbers to 10*.

The topic for **Science** this term is 'Materials and Properties' We will be exploring and learning about every day materials and their properties, such as metal, plastic, wood and glass, what they are used for and why. There will be a number of investigations taking place during our sessions - a jam-packed term for our young scientists in class 1!

In **RE** we are going to be considering why some places are special. We will start by thinking about our special places before understanding places that are special within Hinduism.

Through our **PSHE** sessions we will be exploring friendships, how we should be respectful to our friends and also how to resolve problems if they should occur.

For **Design and Technology** we are going to make Finger Puppets which we postponed from Term 3. This is always a popular and fun project which the children really enjoy.

We will be delving into our imagination in **Music**, listening to different pieces of music that inspire us to do this, such as Pure Imagination, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and Daydream believer. We will learn a song Your Imagination and use instruments to accompany it.

PE this term will be on Monday and Tuesday as we are lucky enough to be having a dance coach in to take this term's sessions. Wednesday's sessions will be a mixture of Team Building and Athletics.

We are covering two topics in our **ICT** sessions this term. We will spend 3 weeks learning how to create spreadsheets on Purple Mash, before moving on to learn about 'technology outside school'. We always, of course, reinforce e-safety during our sessions. It is important that children in class 1 can login independently to Purple Mash, so please continue to practise this skill at home too!

Reading

We will continue to change your children's books once a week. During these sessions, Mrs Lock will hear your child read and if they are confident with the book they have, change it for another within the level – or on the next level as they progress. I will hear your children read each week within a group reading session where we will read books that match their phonetic ability. Please can you ensure your children have their books and reading record books in their bag each day as this makes it much easier for us to manage? We would also be very grateful if you continue to read with your child daily – or as often as possible as this really does make a difference.

Thank you.

Dates for this term

We are finally going to be able to have a visit from the Fire Service this term that was postponed from Term 1. This will be on Tuesday 27th April and the purpose is to talk about fire safety.

End of term 5 – Friday 28th May

Useful Information

This term, PE will be on Monday and Tuesday as we have a Dance coach in. We won't be doing PE on Wednesday this term.



Class 1 Monday Games Club will run from Monday 25th April and will finish at 3.45pm.

...and finally

Remember you can always still contact me via Class Dojo - I do try to check this daily. If you need me more urgently, please phone the school and leave a message with the office. It may be trickier to catch up in the mornings now but after school is always a possibility - we can move to a space along the fence to avoid blocking up the gate! Please come to me if you have any questions or queries.

It's going to be another fun term with some lovely sunshine hopefully...!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.