

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Summer Term 2019



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These are some of the things your child will be learning this term:

**English** This term we will be focusing on the traditional tale 'Rumpelstiltskin'. The children will learn the story before writing their own versions. We will be focusing on learning the story off by heart and performing it using actions. You could encourage your child to act out their story for you at home as extra practice. The children will then be learning how to write instructions inspired by the story. Later in the term, our text will be 'Nadira and the Cruel Pirate'. The children will create a report about pirates in addition to writing their own versions of the story. We will also be exploring poetry later on in the term. In phonics this term, we will be recapping all sounds and will be practising our decoding and blending skills to ensure that the children have a secure phonetic knowledge. This supports them in both reading and writing. The children will continue to read each week with an adult in Guided Reading sessions and will be focusing on comprehension activities, in preparation for Year 2.

**Maths** This term, we will be continuing our work with the Maths No Problem Scheme. We will be looking at the following topics: Time, Money, Volume, Capacity, Mass, Space and a return to Addition and Subtraction. These will be taught using the CPA (Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract) approach. We will then spend some time reviewing and checking the children's understanding in all topics covered from September.

**Science** Our topic this term in science is Plants. The focus for this unit is to be able to identify and name a range of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees. Children will learn how to explain and describe the structure of common plants. We will be looking at different seeds and thinking about which plants may grow from them. We will be investigating the different features and functions of a plant and what they need in order to grow. Alongside this, we will also be continuing our Seasonal Change topic. We will learn

about the differences between spring and summer and how this affects plants, animals and humans.

RE This term, we will be studying Judaism. We will focus on Jewish celebrations and will also discuss traditional clothing, signs and symbols, and special books within the religion.

Computing Children will continue to have regular computing sessions and will be learning how to make simple animations.

PE During our outdoor PE sessions we will be perfecting our bat and balls skills and applying these to playing team games such as: rounders, basketball and football. For indoor PE, we will continue with gymnastics before focussing on dance in order to prepare the children for Arts Week.

Humanities This term, we will be exploring leisure facilities in our local and wider area. We will be reading and drawing our own maps. Children will be asked to use positional language in order to explain where things are in relation to something else. The children will share their own personal leisure experiences and hobbies with their class and we will find out where the best facilities are in our local area. We will also be studying what leisure activities people did in the past and will compare it to what we do today.

Art This term, our topic will be centred on Tall Ships - linking with our leisure topic. We will be studying the artist John Dyer. Children will be carrying out observational drawings of ships and honing in on their painting and collage skills. After half term, we will be celebrating Arts Week. The children will each create a final piece of work relating to a whole school theme.

Design Technology Our DT project will also link to our leisure topic. The children will be designing and making their own playground model.

Music The children will continue to take part in weekly singing assemblies and we will be preparing them for our Arts week performances. They will also have music lessons where they will continue learning about pitch and dynamics.

French This term the children will begin having French lessons where they will learn basic phrases and vocabulary.

### How can you help at home?

There is a big focus on phonics this term in preparation for the phonics screening test in June. Please use phonics mats at home (inside Reading Journals) to practice saying the sounds clearly. When reading, encourage your child to spot these sounds within words and blend them together. Please also practice handwriting and number formation. This is our last term in year one and children need to be forming all letters correctly to ensure they are able to join letters together next year. The handwriting policy can be found on the Sherington website.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

Miss Farley and Mr Everitt

