



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Summer 2—2023/2024



### Notices and reminders

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a wonderful half-term holiday with your friends and family! As temperatures continue to rise throughout this half term, we ask that children come to school every day with a named water bottle filled with water (not sugary drinks, such as squash or juice), a wide-brimmed sun hat and an all-day SPF 50+ sun cream applied before the start of the day.

**Our PE days for this half term are as follows:**  
**Wednesdays – Squirrels; Fridays – Owls.**

### Phonics

This half term, the children will revisit and revise all previous learning. The children will have exposure to all previously taught grapheme-phoneme-correspondences through longer text extracts to support reading fluency and comprehension. By continuing to use the decodable readers, children will have exposure to these more rarely used grapheme-phoneme-correspondence.



### Key dates

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024** – start of summer 2

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – class photographs (Reception, year 1 and year 2 only)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – summer school disco

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – year 1 phonics screening check

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – year 2 trip to Look Out Discovery Centre

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – fathers' day celebration (2:00pm onwards)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – Reception, year 1 and year 2 sports day and parent/carer picnic

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – end of year reports sent home

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – year 2 end of year performance (1:45pm arrival; 2:00pm start)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – open afternoon (3:10pm to 4:00pm)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – year 2 end of year performance (1:45pm arrival; 2:00pm start)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – end of term (1:10pm collection)

### Writing

This half term, the children will continue using the Talk for Writing approach to learn three new texts: 'Red Riding Hood', 'Should the Wolf be arrested?' and 'Wolves'.



### Maths

This half term, the children will learn to count forwards and backwards from 50 –100. The children will learn to partition numbers into tens and ones and to identify 1 more and 1 less within 50 – 100. The children will identify different coins and notes in pence and pounds. The children will learn to describe events using before, after, first, next and finally. They will learn to order the days of the week and months of the year along with telling the time to the hour and half hour.



## Music

In music this half term, the children will be exploring sound. They will learn that music is made up of high and low sounds, long and short sounds, and loud and quiet sounds. The children will explore these sounds and create their own very simple melodies.



## Geography

In geography this half term, the children will be continuing to learn about the country India. They will learn about the human geography looking at populations, cities and jungle villages. The children will learn about the language Hindi and the religion Hinduism. We will explore the importance of the river Ganga. Finally, the children will compare the cities Seoni and Guildford.



## Art

In art this half term, the children will be learning about sculptures. They will learn about famous sculptors Yayoi Kusama and Alexander Calder. They will experiment with different tools and techniques, such as gluing, folding and cutting. After this learning, the children will design and make their own sculptures, using recyclable materials.



## PE

In PE this half term, the children will be learning how to roll in different ways, how to do a front and back support and how to jump from one foot and two feet and land on one foot or two feet. They will finish the term by completing a gymnastic sequence.



## Computing

In computing this half term, the children will be learning how to write an algorithm to move a Bee-Bot. The children will gain an understanding about what a robot is and how they can program them to carry out tasks. The children will learn about the importance of giving precise instructions when programming a robot.



## PSHE

In PSHE this half term, the children will be learning about being kind and taking responsibility. They will learn how to look after their environment. The final part of the term will be looking ahead to next year and identifying the upcoming changes and then how they can describe their worries. The children will look at how they can support each other and discuss that it is normal to feel excited and nervous.

## Homework

Thank you for all of your support with helping your child to read at home. Please make sure that they read their decodable book at least four times a week, in addition to the personalised set of sounds that we provided you with during our last set of parents' evening meetings.



## Suggested books for reading

