

Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to **Summer Term 1!** We are looking forward to an exciting and engaging term filled with learning across a wide range of subjects. Below is an overview of what your child will be learning, along with ideas to support learning at home

English – Reading & Writing

Our new class text is a non-fiction, recount: Our trip to the Woods. We will begin by using our imaginations to explore the woods (outdoor learning space) in our school, followed by an immersive video and wood sounds. We will also be taking a trip to the Walks. The writing focus will be on factual writing, descriptions, observations, sentence structure and extended sentences.



Mathematics

This half term we are consolidating our work on addition and subtraction. We will also be introducing multiplication and division, fractions, position and direction.

History

Our topic is, Parliament and Prime Ministers. We will be finding out how parliament began and what its purpose is. The children will have the opportunity to stand as candidates, and we will hold our own class election.



Science – Plants

For science this term we will be investigating parts and types of plants, plant reproduction and how to grow plants. The children will conduct an experiment to observe the conditions plants need to grow. They will be able to grow their own plants in our outdoor area and go on a plant identification trail around the school.

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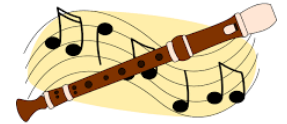


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Music

The children will have the opportunity to practise their music skills using both the glockenspiels and the recorders. We will learn some simple tunes and play them in time with the music.



Art & Design – Sculpture

The children will be making their own sculptures using a variety of different materials and textures. They will learn how to design, join, sculpt, model, paint and form their creations.

Ideas for home activities:

- Read non-fiction books together (animals, nature, weather, transport). Talk about facts learned.
- Practise multiplication using groups of objects (toys, food, buttons).
- Explore fractions when sharing food (cutting fruit or pizza into halves and quarters).
- Play board games that involve counting, turns, or moving positions.
- Watch child-friendly news together and discuss leaders and decisions.
- Go on a walk and identify different plants or flowers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,

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