

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term and that your child is glad to be back at school. We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. Here is a newsletter to update you on what is coming up this half term.



Literacy

In Literacy we are reading a book called 'Meerkat Mail', which is about Sunny the Meerkat who lives in the Kalahari Desert with his family. Under the hot sun, Sunny and his brothers and sisters work together, play together, eat together, and sleep together. Sunny needs a break, so he decides to take a trip to visit some relatives. We will be working towards writing a postcard to Sunny's family about how Sunny is feeling. Our main objective is to use -s and -es plurals and to use the prefix un-.



During our daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. The children are making good progress.

Please make sure your child continues to read their Read, Write, Inc. book at home and return them when necessary. We have changed the groups again so your child may receive a different colour book.

To develop comprehension in reading, we are continuing to use the *Talk Through Stories* programme. *Talk Through Stories* helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature.

Mathematics

This term we will be looking at time, money, capacity, and mass.

All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solve real life problems. When possible, you could practise with your child their counting, number bonds, and addition and subtraction to help develop their fluency.



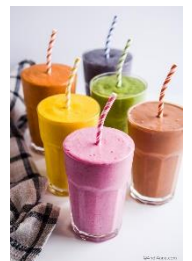
Science



As scientists, we will be identifying and naming various wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees.

Design Technology

In Design Technology, we will be tasting, designing, and making our own healthy smoothies. After we have made our smoothies, Mrs Olivier will be coming in to taste and decide which smoothie followed the design criteria the best.



History



This half term, our focus is about toys throughout History. We will be thinking about the similarities and differences about the toys we have today and how they have changed over time. We will be visiting the Jersey Museum Tuesday 27th June to learn about Victorian toys. More details to follow.

PSHE / JIGSAW

This half term's JIGSAW is focusing on 'Changing Me'. The topic looks at how we change as we grow up and helps us to understand that growing up is natural and that everybody grows at different rates. Please refer to the letter sent out by Mrs Posner for more information.



PE



PE for Year IG is on Mondays and Tuesdays, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days.

PE for Year IS is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days.

This half term, the focus is on using striking in sports such as cricket, and rounders.

Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire us with her weekly lessons.



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Homework



Please continue to use the 'Lending Library' to share a book together at home. Please ensure that once you have read the story, that you return it and collect a new story.

Depending on your child's Read Write Inc group, your child will continue to take home the book they have previously practised in class. The groups have changed so your child may have a different coloured book to normal.

If your child wants to do any more learning at home, BBC bitesize, Topmarks (maths), and Phonics Play are great resources online.

General Information

We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning in Year 1 will be like this half term. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the Year 1 door at the end of each school day, but you can also email us to arrange a time to meet.

Kind Regards,

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