



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. The pupils will be working towards writing a postcard to Sunny's family about how Sunny is feeling. Their main objective is to use -s and -es plurals and to use the prefix un-.



Read Write Inc. Phonics

During the daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. All children will be assessed in the coming weeks so they may change groups. Please make sure your child continues to read their books at home and return them when necessary. They can change them every day if needed!

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 the pupils will be learning about position and direction as well as continuing to work on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and number bonds to 20. We will be revising all maths learning taught this year.



All the way through their 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. Please focus on telling the time (o'clock and half past times) and using coins and notes.

Science



As scientists, the children will be continuing to identify, compare and name various wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees.

Computing

In computing this half term, the pupils are continuing to learn about digital writing. They will be becoming more familiar with a keyboard, learning different keys and how to make capital letters. They will also be learning how to change font and how to make text bold, italic or underlined.

Art

In Art, children will continue practising different ways they can join. The pupils will be working towards creating a natural hanging, demonstrating these skills. They will be joining and attaching lots of natural objects so feel free to bring in pinecones, shells, feathers, small sticks etc. if you can. We will also be heading out on a trip to the beach to create some beach art!



Geography

This half term, we will be learning about Jersey, the Channel Islands and contrasting areas of the world. We will also be learning about oceans, the poles, equator and the weather.

PSHE / JIGSAW

This half term's JIGSAW is focusing on 'Changing Me'. The topic looks at how children change as they grow up and helps them to understand that growing up is natural and that everybody grows at different rates.



PE



PE days for ILS are Tuesday and Thursday.

PE days for IG are Monday and Wednesday.

Key Dates

Sports Day: Friday 27th June

Parent pop-in: Thursday 3rd July, 2:40pm (in the hall)

Transition afternoon: Friday 4th July

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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