

Class 1 Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back after the Easter Break to, we hope, some warmer weather. Lots of events will happen over the final two terms of the school year so keep checking newsletters and your child's book bag for notes of the activities taking place.

TOPICS

Our topics for this half term include:-

- The North East of England
- Clothes and materials
- Transport

Maths

Reception children will continue work on numbers to 20 and complete activities on addition and subtraction.

Y1 children will complete some work on fractions where they will look at halves and quarters of shapes before moving onto halves and quarters of small quantities. They continue with numbers to 100 by counting, finding out what the values of the numbers are, writing numbers and ordering numbers.

English

Reception will continue to follow the Read Write Inc programme to learn phonics and develop reading and writing.

Y1 will continue with spelling the months of the year before beginning numbers to twenty. They will also complete some reading comprehension work where they read a piece of writing and answer questions about it. This will increase their fluency and understanding and help them with their transition into Y2.

Both year groups will complete writing activities linked to the above topics - both fiction and non-fiction. We will use the book *The Smartest Giant in Town* by Julia Donaldson when we complete clothes and materials as a topic.

Science

We will explore fabric and find out which fabric is best in cold, wet or warm weather.

PE

PE will usually take place on a Monday and Tuesday. This may change if the weather is lovely and we can get outside to do PE. We are not restricted to certain days when we do outdoor PE so make sure PE kits are in school for impromptu lessons. The children will be completing a range of

athletic activities which include throwing, jumping and running. They will also learn a range of competitive team games.

History/Geography

The children will be looking at transport in history and how it has changed. We will be looking in particular at George Stephenson and his Rocket.

In Geography the children will be learning about the UK. They will look at the countries that make up the UK and where they are. They will learn and locate capital cities on a UK map and look at the flags from the different countries in the UK.

RE

The theme we will explore is 'Being special: where do we belong?'

Design Technology

The children will complete a model of Stephenson's Rocket which will have an axle and wheels. They will learn how to use a junior hacksaw safely to saw dowel rod to make the axle.

Homework

Reception children will continue to practise reading and writing the Set 1 and Set 2 Speed Sounds which are in their homework books. Please get them to read as often as you can. High frequency words will also be sent home to practice. We will also begin to send home spellings this week. As the children are so young, they will not have a formal test in school on their spellings. Please see the separate letter regarding this.

Y1's will need to continue to practise all Set 2 and Set 3 sounds in reading and spelling.

A reminder that free scheme e-books can be found on www.oxfordowl.co.uk which will supplement reading books we send home. Phonics games particularly aimed at word building can be found on www.phonicsplay.co.uk

School Visitors

Class 1 will receive a visit from 'That History Bloke' - <http://www.thathistorybloke.co.uk> on the morning of Thursday 9th May. He will be coming in to tell us all about George Stephenson. It will be a fun and very interactive session which the children will love.

Every Wednesday afternoon we will also be visited by a music specialist from the Durham Music Service. They will deliver music lessons specifically designed for young children called 'Little Fingers'.

We look forward to another exciting term and thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs James, Mrs Wilson, Miss Hunter and Miss Young.