

Homework

Reading: The expectation for Year 1 children is that they need to read or be read to 4 times a week. This could be a bedtime story, talking about a known story, reading information/instructions together, reading a few pages of their school reading book etc. Please remember to record all of the great reading you are doing in their reading diary so that your child can be rewarded in school.

Spellings: In order to support the children's learning of phonics, weekly spellings will continue. We have reduced the number of spellings to accommodate the addition of Mathletics homework.

Mathletics: Each week the children will be set a short task to complete on Mathletics. We will set the task on a Tuesday and check the following Tuesday to see who has completed it.

Absence: If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please inform the office by telephone or their class teacher in person, otherwise they will be marked down as an 'unauthorised absence'. Extended absence through illness, whilst sometimes unavoidable, can have a detrimental effect on your child's progress.

School Lunches: Please ensure you have booked meals by Thursday for the following week. Alternatively you can book for the whole term. This must be done via ParentPay (no payment will be required).

Literacy

Our Literacy work this term will be linked to our topic of 'Animals'. We will be looking at the story 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' and non-fiction books about animals. We will also be focusing on grammar looking at the use of plurals, exclamation marks, question marks and using the article 'a' and 'an' appropriately.

We will be continuing to use our phonics skills to support spelling. Most of our phonic groups will be learning phase 5 sounds. These will look at different spelling options for sounds they already know for example choosing between ai, ay, a-e, eigh, ey, ea and aigh (this can be quite tricky).

Equipment

PE Kit:

Please ensure your child has the following items in school **EVERY** day:



- Trainers
- Black/dark blue jogging bottoms
- Black/dark blue shorts
- A white t-shirt or a King's Meadow Sports top
- Black/dark blue jumper

Please send your child to school with a water bottle for the classroom, even if they have school dinners.

An art apron would also be useful to have in school.

Topic

During Term 5, we will be learning about 'Animals'. We will be visiting the Natural History Museum during the morning of the 16th May. Many thanks to those who have already paid. We will teach the children to name common animals, group them (mammals, fish, birds, amphibian and reptile) as well as looking at dinosaurs as prehistoric animals.

Our Term 6 Topic is 'Plants'. We will be focusing on parts of a plant, what plants need to grow and we will be growing our own vegetables to join in with the School's 'Big Soup Challenge'. We also hope to visit Harcourt Arboretum.

Can you help?

We need help listening to the children read 1:1 in school. If you could spare any time in the afternoon to come and read with the children, we would be most grateful.

Dates for the Diary

May

16th	Natural History Museum Oxford visit
21st	Art Week
28th	Half Term

June

8th	Puffin Class Assembly
11th	Assessment Week

July

9th	Healthy Schools Week
10th	Transition morning
10th	KS1 Sports Day (pm)
11th	FSU Sports Morning
13th	Kingfisher Class Assembly
13th	KS2 Sports Day
16th	Spelling Bee
18th	Maths Challenge
20th	Last Day of Term (1:30pm finish)

Maths

In Term 5, we will be focussing on developing the children's understanding of money and multiplication and division. By the end of year 1 children are expected to count in 2's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards to 100. Instant recall of number bonds to 10, knowledge doubles and halves is also important.

In Term 6, we will be recapping and ensuring the children have a deeper understanding of the number system and addition and subtraction.



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