



Year 1 & 2 Curriculum News



Welcome Back!

The Easter holidays seem far away now, especially as we have had a few days of warm, sunny weather. (Long may it continue!) It was lovely to see so many of you in church for our Easter Service. I hope you enjoyed your chocolate buns.

I can't believe we are in the final term of the year! The children have been working very hard since the beginning of term, and it's lovely to see them all eager to learn. Our main focus for this half term will be reading, writing and maths to ensure that all the skills and concepts that the children have learnt so far are embedded and applied across all areas of the curriculum.

English

The spellings for this term will focus on the common exception words that the children need to learn in both year groups by the end of the year. In school we are trialling a new approach to teaching these spellings. The children will bring home the spellings that they have been learning in class to reinforce. We only say a child can securely spell a word when we have seen it being applied at least three times in their written work. Please encourage them to write a sentence for each word in their planner - thank you.



Phonics Screening for Year 1

It is a statutory requirement in Year 1 that all children are assessed on their phonetic knowledge. This will take place during the week commencing Monday 11th June. The children receive daily phonics teaching and as such are familiar with decoding both real words and pseudo (not real) words. The phonics check is done on a 1 to 1 basis with the child's teacher and roughly takes 10 minutes. The children will not be under any pressure and will simply be told they are doing a quiz. As a school, we do not receive the pass rate until several weeks after the checks are completed. You will be informed about the results in your child's annual report. Any child who does not pass the check, will be rescreened in Year 2.

Phonics
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This is a link to further questions you may have:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/expert-help/the-year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

Year 2 SATs

The children will be doing their SATs papers in the last two weeks of this half term. These will be part of normal classroom practice; that means they may do their maths paper instead of their normal classroom maths on one day. They hopefully won't think there is anything different to any other day.

If, however, you have any questions about the SATs, please do not hesitate to ask. Likewise, if at any time you are anxious about anything at all, please do come and see us at the end of the day, or phone school to make an appointment.



Maths

We will continue to focus on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It is really important that the children know their number facts and recall these quickly. You are doing an amazing job supporting us in this area by doing the little practises we send home weekly.

Please could you continue to this as it makes the children more efficient when applying this knowledge in class.



Reading

The children will continue to bring home a book to practise their reading skills that they are learning in class. The focus for this term is very much on comprehension skills and for Year 2s, higher order reading skills. The children will be asked to make:

- predictions - what do you think will happen next? How do you think the character will feel when?
- inferences - reading between the lines
- deductions - reading beyond the lines (Year 2)



These all require the children to use evidence from the text to support their answers and to use language from the text in their answers.

Please could you continue to sign or comment in the children's planners when they have read at home - thank you.

Theme

In Science we will be looking at plants - identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees and finding out about their habitats; identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees and identifying the basic needs of different kinds of plants.

In Geography we will be using maps and atlases to identify countries and oceans and looking at the human and physical features of places, particularly coastal (sea side) areas.

In History we will be looking at the life of Queen Elizabeth and all the events and changes that have taken place during her reign. Year 2 children will also be focusing on the history of the sea side.



PE

Children require both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school. They do require TRAINERS as part of their outdoor PE kit. Please bring kits to school on a Monday morning and leave in school for the week. PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and Thursday for Year 1, Year 1/2 and on Friday afternoon for Year 2 (Miss Partridge's class).

If girls wear tights, please could you send them with a pair socks - thank you.