



Year 1 Newsletter- Term 5

Here is our Term 5 Newsletter which gives an overview of our learning this term. Our theme is 'It Starts With a Seed ' which has a Science focus.

It Starts With a Seed



Reading- We will continue to have our daily phonics lessons using our Little Wandle scheme. This term we will be reviewing Phase 5 sounds that we have learnt in previous terms in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check in June.

On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we will have Guided Reading sessions in small groups. In class we will start our topic reading 'It Starts with a Seed' by Laura Knowles, however our main focus will be looking at non-features and the features of these type of books.

Spellings- This term our spellings will focus on variety of Year 1 objectives from across the curriculum. We will be developing spelling rules from our SPAG lessons by using prefixes and suffixes. We will also be learning how to spell the days of the week and numbers to 20 as words. New spellings will be given every Tuesday on the Phonics Home Learning sheets and will be checked on the following week. We will send information home to help you to practise spellings with your child in fun and interesting ways.

Writing- Our writing focus this term will be instruction writing and looking at non-fiction texts, re-creating elements of these.

Handwriting- Handwriting will link to our spellings and Maths this term, looking at the correct formation of numbers and writing numbers as words. We have been focusing on letter size, formation and ascenders and descenders and we will continue to do this whilst writing these words.

Maths- Addition- From our previous term, we will continue to develop our understanding of mathematical symbols and how we use these to write equations. We will also look at subtraction and find out that this is an inverse operation to addition. We will look at measurement and make comparisons, learning how to measure using a ruler to measure in centimetres. We will also begin to start simple multiplication, counting in groups of two, five and ten by using money.

Science- In Science our focus will be on Plants. We have already had the opportunity in our first week to have hands on experiences of gardening in our school garden and we will be developing our understanding of plants, their different parts and what they need to grow. We will make observations of how plants change throughout the term and record these.

History- Our History topic this term will link into our previous terms Geography lessons. We will be going out into Bradford on Avon to conduct a local study which incorporates our History focus. We will look at how our local high street has changed since 1950's.

Computing- This term we will begin looking at coding and debugging. We will start by learning what an algorithm is and how it is vital that it is precise and accurate. We will then create our own algorithms for programmable toys and learn how to debug these when something goes wrong. We will also begin to look at simple word processing.

P.E.- We will be playing invasion games with Mr Kiely on a Wednesday and on Friday with our class teacher we will be developing our precision by playing target games.

Art- This term our focus is on collage and textiles. After looking at the artist Este Macleod and her work, we will be drawing, collaging and stitching our own plant and flower related artwork.

PSHEE- Our theme is '*Relationships*' and will look at family, friends and people who help us.

RaW- (Religion and World views)- Our main focus this term will be Judaism. We will be trying to answer the question: Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?

Music- With Mrs Screen we will be looking at different composers and what inspired their music, specifically studying The Carnival of the Animals.

MfL (French) - Our weekly French lessons with Mrs Giles will focus on Petit Chaperon Rouge, which is the tale of Little Red Riding Hood!

P.E Days



P.E. for Term 5 will continue to be on Wednesdays and Fridays. On Wednesday they will be taking part in invasion game lessons with Mr Kiely. On Friday we will play target games with our class teacher.

Please make sure that your child wears the correct kit to school and has a water bottle with them. P.E. kit is as follows:

- Plain T-shirt or polo shirt in house colours
- Black shorts or cycle shorts
- A plain sweat shirt in house colours
- Black jogging bottoms for colder weather
- In FS and KS1 trainers (with Velcro fastening) are strongly advised for safety reasons (although daps are permitted).

Uniform



Please ensure that your child is sent to school in clothes appropriate to the weather. This includes sun hats during warmer weather and a waterproof coat for when it is raining or forecast to rain.

Just a reminder about school uniform.

- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt or green polo shirt
- Grey skirt, trousers, pinafore
- Grey or black shorts
- Green school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey or green tights
- Grey, black or white socks
- Green and white summer dress in either check or stripe

Hair should be tidy and contained. Hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles, etc. should be simple and if possible in school colours. *Just a reminder that hairbands with ears are not part of the school uniform.*

FOCCS (our parents association) also organise second hand uniform sales.

If you require any further information, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.
Further details can be found at: <https://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk/key-information/school-uniform/>

Learning at Home



Reading- Your child will come home with a new reading book every Tuesday. These books are linked to their phonics and help them to develop their application of their phonological skills.

Inside the front and back covers of the book are ways in which you can explore the book differently each time you read with your child. These cover some of the different reading skills your child will be developing in Year1 such as decoding, prosody and comprehension.

We encourage daily reading at home in order to develop reading fluency.

Your child is encouraged to choose a sharing book from the box which they can read with you as well. Children can change their sharing book throughout the week when they need to.

Reading levels- At the end of each term, we will assess your child on the sounds and words they have been practising that term using the Little Wandle assessment scheme. This then generates a book level for your child. Fluency and automaticity when reading are areas of focus when we assess, along with being able to decode and blend words with sounds that we have been looking at.

Please make sure that any reading books you have at home are returned, ready to be changed on Tuesdays. If any books are lost or missing from sets, this can have an impact on other reading groups, meaning there are not enough books for all children in that group.

Phonics- Your child will bring home a weekly home learning sheet in their reading pack linked to the graphemes and phonemes that they are learning each week in phonics. Please help your child to learn these new sounds and recognise them in words.

Further help and support can be found
at: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Spellings- we will continue with spellings this term. New spellings will go out every Tuesday on the Phonics Home Learning sheet and we will check them the following week. At the beginning of each new term, we will let you know how your child has done with their previous terms spellings so you can work on any gaps with them at home should you wish to do so.

Maths- Last term, all children were given login details and passwords to logon to Numbots. This is a programme which the school has purchased to help children develop their Mathematical skills at home. If you have lost your details or are having trouble logging on, please let your class teacher know. Every Wednesday, we will print out certificates for those children who have achieved them after completing each stage.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 6th May

May Fayre

Monday 13th May

Year 1 Phonics Meeting- come along to find out more about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Phase 5 phonics, and how to support your child with phonics at home.

9am- Berryfield Hall

7pm- Owl classroom

Wednesday 24th May

Class Photograph

Any queries or questions, please do come and see us!

Miss Brewer, Mrs Cook and Mrs Goldson