



Year 1 Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Saffron and Tangerine Classes

Welcome back

Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and we all hope you had a lovely Easter holiday! We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with lots of interesting learning opportunities. The children are settling back in after the holidays really well and are enjoying being back in school.

Curriculum

Maths

In maths, we will be investigating place value to 100, fractions of numbers and shapes. We will investigate money, telling the time and days of the week and months.

Help your child at home by wearing a watch and practising telling the time on an analogue clock or watch. You can also have fun using money to help your child understand the value of coins.

English

In English, we will be covering a range of non-fiction, fiction and poetry, relating to our topics. We will read and write about such stories as 'A New Home for a Pirate' by Ronda Armitage and Holly Swain, 'Captain Teachum's Buried Treasure' by Peter Carter, 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon and 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We will use different materials, skills and techniques to create 'seascapes' and use objects to print with in art.

Science

In science, we will be learning about materials and their properties and planting and observing seed growth.

Humanities (History & Geography)

Our first topic will be Land Ahoy, where we will explore pirate life. We will investigate the lives of famous pirates, their ships and make treasure maps, using compass points, and treasure islands. We will also investigate the coastlines pirates might have explored. Our second topic will be Moon Zoom, where we will learn about famous astronauts and find out more about space travel and space itself.

Enrichment (Art, Music & PE)

In music, we will be exploring music from different composers and composing using instruments.

In PE, we will be working together on team games, cricket and tennis.

Religious Education

We will investigate the stories of Noah and Moses and also the Lord's Prayer.

Homework

Please support your child's learning at home by reading with them daily and practising their phonic sounds and high frequency words. Also, you can help improve your child's writing by writing their own sentences, creating stories or shopping lists. Please help with your child's maths by writing and ordering the numbers to 50, learning their number bonds to 10 and adding and subtracting within 50.



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General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, cardigans, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls, water bottles etc.
- **PE:**
 - **Tuesdays** class PE – children to wear school uniform with trainers
 - **Thursdays** PE with Mr Oakley - children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers
- Please remember to return reading records and reading books by **Wednesday** of each week.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Key Dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday - school closed
- Friday 5th May: King's Coronation Tea Party
- Monday 8th May: King's Coronation - Bank Holiday - school closed
- 15th-19th May: Walk to School Week
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June: half term – school closed
- Monday 5th June: children return to school as usual

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the school office.

Miss Bellini and Miss Harris
Year 1 Team