



Spring Term Newsletter

Year One: Miss Laycock

Dear Parents,

Look how far we've made it in Year 1, I'm looking forward to this term the most. Please see below a weekly timetable and an outline of the topics that we will be covering over the course of the summer term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Warmest Regards,

Miss Laycock

Weekly Timetable:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Computers	P.E. (Children to wear P.E. kit)	P.E. (Children to wear P.E. kit)	Homework (collected in) Music	Homework (handed out) Spelling Test Library

Additional Notes:

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to speak to me. You may wish to leave a message with Mrs. Hodnett to organise an appointment before or after school, or you may place a note in your child's reading record or homework book. It's also preferable if you let me know via written trail (email, note, office, etc...) versus after school on the fly.

P.E.

You are reminded that on the days when the children are to take part in P.E., they must come into school wearing their P.E. kits. This includes shoes that are either strictly black or white. They will stay in their P.E. kit for the duration of the day. The children will be doing P.E. with Fulham Sports Coaches.

Useful Dates for the Diary:

Parents curriculum meeting – May 2nd, 2023.

Coronation Lunch: Friday May 5th, 2023.

Class Assembly: Friday June 9th, 2023.

Phonic Assessment Week: June 12th – 18th, 2023.

Sports Day: June 13th, 2023.

Reading

The children will be taking part in guided reading groups daily. They will also be reading individually with myself and other staff once assistance is all coordinated. For this reason, **it is important that your child brings in his/her reading record and reading book every Friday.**

It is also important that your child reads with you regularly at home to develop their reading fluency and their enthusiasm to read for pleasure. Below I have included some suggested cues that we will be using at school that can be easily applied at home.

- Use pictures to help identify unknown words and aid comprehension
- Explore a range of different texts – fiction, non-fiction and poetry
- Always check for meaning: does this sentence make sense? Does it sound right?
- What are the sounds at the start/end of a word?
- Sight words
- Saying aloud known sounds and blending to read all the way through the word

Phonics

The children will be following the Read, Write, Inc. Speed Sound Programme. This will be used to prepare them for the Phonics Screening Check in this summer term. Those children who attended the school in their Reception year will be familiar with this programme. If your child has not followed this programme before, please be assured that they will be fully supported in their Phonics learning.

Handwriting

In Year One, the children will be gradually introduced to cursive handwriting. They will take part in daily handwriting sessions which will help them to obtain a handwriting certificate at the end of the year. I encourage you to support your child to practise their handwriting at home, for example, when learning their spellings, completing their homework or even writing out shopping lists!

Homework

As I have mentioned above, I encourage you to read regularly with your child at home. Books will be changed **as regularly as possible**. Please note that we will not change a book if you have not signed the reading record.

The children will be given **one piece of homework on a Friday** (via google classroom) which will then be collected on the following Thursday (printed at home, trimmed, and glued into their homework books). The homework will be focused on Literacy, Numeracy and other topics we've focused on the week prior. Their homework is used to encourage reflecting/expanding on their learning at school from the previous week.

Occasionally we may also ask that you bring in materials or recycled plastic bottles/newspapers for our Art lessons. Lastly, the homework should not exceed 20 minutes, so please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns regarding the time spent on homework.

Spellings

Each Friday, the children will be given **10 spellings** which match the sounds that they have been learning in our Phonics programme. The children will be tested on these spellings the following Friday. The children each have a 'Read, Write, Check, Correct' book to take home each week as an aid for their spellings learning.

Library

We are extremely lucky to have a beautiful and well-stocked library in our school. I am keen for the children to benefit from this resource as much as possible. We will visit the library once a week, during which time the children will have the opportunity to choose a book to scan out and take home. The children may keep their library book for one week. They must return their library book upon their next visit to the library (**every Friday**). Please do not forget to send their books back in on Friday so they can be swapped when the Year 5's come to assist us.

Star Jar and Dojo Points

In Year One, the children are rewarded as a class for their super learning behaviours with stars for our star jar! Once the star jar is full from continuously good behaviour, they will have earned a class party for the last day of the semester. There will also be Dojo Points that are given out to individual students for amazing behaviour. When your child reaches any sum that's in intervals of 50 points (50, 100, 150, etc.) they will be awarded a prize (special pencil or rubber to take home).

Useful Websites

I have included below a short list of websites that may be of use to you and your child at home.

Topmarks – Maths games <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Roy the Zebra – Word level and sentence level games <http://www.roythezebra.com/reading-games-sentence-level.html>

Phonic Play – A great website for games and information for parents. www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Ruth Miskin Phonics – There is a tab for parents at the top of the webpage. www.ruthmiskin.com

BusyThingsLGFL - <https://www.busythings.co.uk/play/>

Handwriting

The children will be continuing their cursive writing but now expected to incorporate it into their daily writing.

Phonics

Revisiting and studying of Set 1, 2 and 3 before the phonics assessment.

History

We will be reviewing and finishing the history of Seaside Holidays.

- Chronology through timeline making
- Seaside holidays Victorian times.
- Seaside holidays for our grandparents and parents through stories and tales...
- Souvenirs, postcards and picture evidence.
- Assessment

Science

Our topic is Plants and we will be learning from a detective standpoint:

- Observe different types of plants around our school.
- Name plant parts.
- Compare plants; specifically flowers and roots.
- Grow plants.
- Describe tree types.
- Assessment

Literacy

We will be learning about picture book texts and stories that take place in the Seaside. We are finishing off the *Secret of Black Rock* the first two weeks back, as we started it before we left. Then we will carry on and start *Dear Greenpeace*.

The Secret of Black Rock topic includes:

- Persuasive writing.
- Debates.
- Thought bubbles.
- Diary entries.
- Book trailer.

And for Greenpeace:

- Picture book
- Persuasive letter
- Advert
- Fact finding
- A Recount

Summer 1

R.E.

In R.E. we will be covering the following theme:

- The Resurrection – we will be learning about Resurrection of Jesus at Easter and how it affected those around him at the time.

Design Technology

Students will be looking into structures and mechanical systems; specifically windmills and lighthouses.

We will be designing our own structure and using axles, nets, and templates to experiment with building our own stable structures.

Numeracy

Multiplication and Division

- Understand and count in 2's, 5's and 10's
- Make equal groups and double groups (grouping and sharing)

Fractions

- Recognise a half of a shape or object
- Understand a quarter of a shape or object

Geometry

- Position and Direction

P.E.

Led by Fulham Sports Coaches twice a week.

Music

The children will learn Music with a visiting teacher once a week.

Computing

We will be exploring Data and data collection through different charting methods and computer systems.

Trips

We will take a trip when the weather is suitable to a garden area to explore and compare flowers.

Literacy

We will be focusing on contemporary fiction books including the *Egg Box Dragon*.

Students will be learning:

- Retelling of the story
- Alternate endings
- Writing diary entries
- Diagrams and plans

We will also be looking into some other contemporary knight texts to support our diary entries.

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- **Miracles** and how they play a part of the Catholic faith.

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Science

Our topic will continue to Plants and we will be learning from a researcher and data collector standpoint:

- Observe different types of plants around our local areas and homes.
- Name plant parts, label and sketch, dissect.
- Compare plants; Trees and other plants.
- Continue to grow plants.
- Assessment

Summer 2

Geography

We will be exploring seasonal weather patterns in and around the United Kingdom. We will also look at how the weather affects our lives in ways we may not be aware to.

Handwriting

The children will be continuing there cursive writing but now expected to incorporate it into their daily writing.

Art and Design

We will explore sculptures and 3D play using a variety of resources. Children will learn how to move, manipulate and mould material into a desired object.

Numeracy

Place Value within 100

- Count by making groups of tens
- Count from 50 to 100
- Partition into tens and ones
- Use the number line to 100
- Compare any two numbers under 100

Money

- Recognise the value of different types of money (notes and coins)

Time

- Reading a clock and knowing some terms

Phonics

Revisiting and studying of Set 1, 2 and 3 before the phonics assessment (June 12-18th).

Computing

In preparation for Year 2, we will be doing a deeper dive into internet safety and how to be a good online citizen on our digital world.

Trips

Dependant on semester 1's trip.

