



Year 1 Summer Term Newsletter



This term our topic will be Home and Away. During the first half term we will be 'home' in Horsley and will learn about our homes and the village of Horsley. As part of this topic, during English lessons, we will be looking at the story of 'The Jolly Postman' and his journey around his own village.

Next half term we will be learning about holidays past and present. The whole topic has a geography and history focus, as we learn about our own environment and compare it to different places around the world. We also learn how our village has changed over time and also about how our holidays have changed.

If you have any books or artefacts we would love to see them, (named of course).

In our English lessons we will be continuing to work on phonics during our 'Letters and Sounds' sessions.

After the phonics check has been carried out our focus in these sessions will change more towards spelling words containing the phonic graphemes the children have learnt. We will also continue to develop writing skills through different genres of text. We will be writing recounts, simple stories, poems and information writing about Horsley and our local area. We will continue to focus on the basics of sentence structure and looking at ways to make our sentences more interesting by adding adjectives and changing our sentence openers.

In our Maths work we will be looking at number sequences and counting on and back in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10. We will continue to look at the operations of addition and subtraction and the language involved in word problems. We will be working with money to recognise coins and to solve money problems including finding change. We will look at 2D and 3D shape, measurement, including capacity and time.

Church and Horsley Visit

We are combining trips to St Mary's Church and to Horsley village this year. Our trip will take place on Wednesday 16th May. We will be travelling by coach to the church and then onto the village.

Seaside Workshop

We also have the Chertsey Museum visiting on Tuesday 5th June to lead a 'Seaside holidays in the past' workshop. A letter will be sent home shortly with details of both of these activities.

Year 1 Class assemblies:

1F will be performing their class assembly on Friday 18th May.

1H will be performing their class assembly on Friday 25th May.

Dates for events can always be found on the school website.

After half term we will be learning all about holidays. If you work in an airport, travel agents or any other job related to this topic, we would be very grateful if you are able to donate brochures, tickets etc.

Also, if you are able to come in and talk to the children about what is involved in booking a holiday or travelling to another country we would appreciate any visitors!

Many thanks!



Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read for 10 minutes every day. We know it is not always easy but it really does make a difference.

Please remember to write a comment or sign in the yellow reading record each time that you hear your child read.



General School Information

Book Bags - Please ensure that your child has their book bag and reading record in school every day. If your child brings a rucksack to school please could you ensure that they have a small plastic wallet containing their book and reading record to take out and keep in their trays.

Lunches Weather permitting, all children will be eating their school meals outside for the summer term. Tables will be set up in the playground.

Library!



Both classes will continue to visit the library on a Monday.

Just a reminder that the children can only take one book out at a time.

Please try to return these weekly so that your child can read a new book each week. If there are still any outstanding books from before the Easter holidays please do return them as we do now fine for missing library books.

The children's login for the 'Reading Cloud' has been stuck in their reading records.

Please encourage them to go online and choose from a range of e-books regularly.



As we will, hopefully, be seeing some warmer weather this term please could all children bring a named water bottle to school every day. When the weather becomes hotter please send your child to school with a sun hat and sun cream that they can apply themselves or apply a long lasting sun cream before school.



Please inform the office of any change in personal circumstances, such as separation so we can maintain communications with both parents.

The Year 1 Team