

# Year 1

# Term 6

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed the sunshine. We are really excited to start the new term our new topic "Transport and Travel - How has it changed?"



We hope that the children are excited to start our new topic. We shall be reading a range of beach themed books as we think about travel and holidays.

We shall be looking at Flotsam by David Wiesner and Billy's Bucket by Kes

Gray—amongst others. We are excited to focus on transport this term too and will launch this theme by getting the children to invent and design their own forms of transport. Later on in the term, we shall be exploring forms of transport further when we visit Chatham Dockyard. The date of this trip is Thursday 9th July and we can NOT wait!

## Year 1 Phonics Screening

Monday 8th June sees the start of the Year 1 Phonics Screening. All children in Year 1 will be expected to sit the test and we are feeling very well prepared. The screening will take place 1:1 in a very relaxed learning environment. The children have really enjoyed all of the practise sessions so far and we just know that they will be brilliant. Results of the screening will be included in your child's end of year report.

## Sports Day

Term 6 is the time when we all get together and take part in Sports Day on the 23rd June. KS1 will start at 9.30am, with gates opening at 9.15.

Please remember to wear your house coloured t-shirt—we will provide your child with tape if they do not have a coloured t-shirt. If you are unsure of your child's house colour, please ask them or their teacher.

## Reading and Comprehension

Please continue to support your child with their phonics learning at home. The website, Phonics Play, provides children with some great games to play and they are free. Over the last few terms, in our newsletters, we have included comprehension questions for you to use with your child so they can discuss the texts they are reading with you. We can clearly see that you are using them as the children's understanding and comprehension of the texts has really improved.

Here are some more for you to try

- Have you read any books that are similar to this one?
- Which words can you use to describe the main character?
- Can you find any adjectives or conjunctions?

## Hot Weather.

As the weather warms up, can we remind parents to provide their child with a sun hat and a full water bottle everyday. Can sun cream also be applied before school, if you do need to send sun cream in, please make sure it is clearly named and that your child can apply it independently. Additionally, please keep an eye on the weather and send in raincoats if necessary.

## Year 1 Enterprise

You may remember, a while back, that the entire Trust took part in an Enterprise scheme. Each class made and sold items to other pupils, in order to make a profit. Year 1 did incredibly well and made enough money to pay for an inflatables day. We are in the process of arranging inflatables to come to the school towards the end of term so that the Year 1 children can round off a brilliant year bouncing in the sunshine with their friends—more details to follow soon.



## Transition to Year 2

As we approach the end of the school year, we are starting to think about the move to Year 2. We understand that this can be a very worrying, unsettling time for some children and so we take the transition process very seriously. Your child will have already been asked the names of friends that they would like to be with next year, so that we can ensure that everyone moves to their new class with at least 1 good friend. We shall be talking a lot about changes and how we can face new challenges as part of our transition work. We shall be in touch shortly with further information about classes for next year and the transition process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact  
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