YEAR 1 SUMMER 1 **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the holidays! I hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed spending time with your family. As usual, we have a busy half term ahead of us and Mrs Dawson will be supporting the children with their learning for the first 2 weeks of the half term.

In English this half term, the children will be looking at some books and poems in relation to our science topics: Plants and Seasonal Changes. We will be focusing on writing poetry, instructions and diary entries through this topic. The children will also look at the book 'A Squash and Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and will explore writing character and setting descriptions. We will continue to focus on improving the children's phonics and spelling skills, as well as continuing to develop their handwriting and ensuring their letters start and finish in the correct place.

Year One will continue to have their spelling test every Monday. The list of spellings for the half term will be sent home in the first week back. Please continue to practise your child's weekly spellings with them each week as this supports them hugely with their reading, writing and phonics.

In school the children will continue to have weekly guided reading sessions, they will also have opportunities to do shared reading and independent reading. During teacher focus groups, children will continue to develop their skill of answering a range of questions using a range of different skills such as retrieval and inference. They will also continue to develop their ability to retell, understand and discuss plots and characters. Please continue to work on this aspect of reading at home. At parents evening I gave out a list of comprehension questions which you can ask your child, if you didn't get this sheet please don't hesitate to ask.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at multiplication and division. The children will be developing their understanding of multiplication by counting in equal groups, using apparatus to support their calculations. The children will then apply this knowledge as they then move on to division where they will learn to share objects and numbers into equal groups. During this half term we will begin to learn out time tables, we will begin to learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables through regular practice.

Please continue to encourage the children to use hit the button which is an interactive maths games with quick fire questions on number bonds, time tables, doubling and halving. This game will challenge and develop the children's mental maths skill and will sharpen their recall of vital number facts in a fun way.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Miss Roberts



Important Days

Monday

- Reading books to be changed. Please bring reading folder.
- -Spelling test. Please bring spelling book.

Wednesday and Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

Tuesday 19th April School reopens for summer 1

Friday 22nd April 7 Whole school Mass led by Y3 - 9:30am

> Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May Class photos

Thursday 19th / Friday 20th May Bee Man in school

Thursday 26th May Whole school Mass led by School Council - 9:30am

> Thursday 26th May Jubilee celebration

> Thursday 26th May Finish for half term