

YEAR 1 SUMMER 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

www.stmaryshorsforth.org

Twitter @StMarysLS18



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the holidays! I hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the lovely sunny weather. As usual, we have a busy half term ahead of us. The catch-up sessions will start this half term with a focus on writing.

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 write poetry, instructions and diary entries through this topic. The children will also look at the book 'A squash and a squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and will explore writing narratives. We will continue to have a grammar focus each week and will focus on specific areas of Year 1 grammar.

In phonics, the children will continue to learn and recap all the new phonemes they have learnt throughout Phase 5. Our focus will be to implement our phonics into helping us to spell accurately, the weekly spelling tests align with our weekly phonics. We will continue to accurately read real and 'alien' words which are nonsense words made up from sounds the children have learnt e.g. chom.

Year One will continue to have their spelling test every Friday. For the summer term, Year One will have a spelling book which will go between home and school. The book will be used to practise spellings at home and then complete their tests in it each Friday at school. This will enable you to see how they are doing with their spellings each week. Please make sure your child brings their spelling book **every Friday** and we will stick their new spellings into it each week.

We will continue to do our guided reading sessions in school to develop the children's reading skills. The children will continue to build on their fluency, expression and tone when reading aloud. Please continue to read frequently with your child at home, we recommend that your child reads for a minimum of 10 minutes per day, reading out loud to an adult as this will really help your child's fluency.

In maths this half term, we will start by looking at weight, mass, capacity, and volume. We will then move onto multiplication and division. We will start by using practical resources such as cubes and counters to show how many objects can be grouped and shared before moving onto representing this with pictures. We will also continue to learn to fluently recall number bonds to 20 as well as counting in 2's, 5's and 10's – ensuring we can do this quickly both forward and backwards. I will continue to send home the mental maths focuses as and when it is necessary, please practise this concept with your child ready for their mental maths tests in school.

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

Reading books:

to be changed on **Wednesday**.
Please return by **Monday**.

Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Friday:

Spelling test – please bring in spelling books.

Important Dates

Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th April
Parent's evening

Friday 30th April
Y1 and Y4 class Mass –
11am Zoom

Monday 3rd May
Bank Holiday

Friday 7th May
Number day

Thursday 13th May
Whole School Mass –
9:30am

Friday 14th May
Bring a flower for Mary

WC 24th May
STEM Week

Monday 24th May
Pentecost picnic

Thursday 27th May
Break up for May half term

Friday 28th May
Training Day

