

# Newsletter

Key Stage One

Summer Term

We would like to welcome you back to school after what we hope was a lovely Easter break.



This term our topic is 'Where the Forest meets the sea' which we hope will become as inspiring as last terms topic. During this topic the children will be given the opportunity to explore the life cycles of animals and plants and will have the opportunity to explore different forest habitats. Initially we will be focusing on the diversity of plants and habitats as well as learning to identify unique features of British woodlands. Later in the term, the children will be discovering how our forests differ from forests and rainforests in other countries.

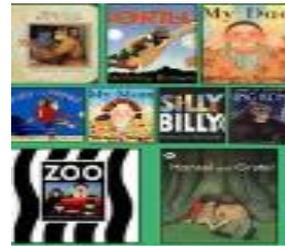


In **English** this term the children will be developing reading and comprehensions skills, using a variety of information resources to answer questions and carry out research. In writing, we are focusing on developing our understanding of sentence types and punctuation and develop greater consistency in using these skills across different genres. We will continue to develop our use of noun phrases, adjectives and conjunctions in order to develop our independent writing skills.



## Author of the term

We will be studying the work of Anthony Browne this term and sharing lots of his stories – focusing on the exploration of relationships and fantasy worlds.



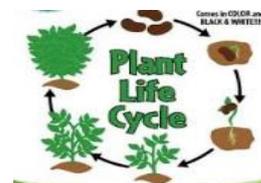
In **Maths** we will be continuing to focus on number work with a focus on problem solving and applying knowledge through simple and 2-step calculations. We will also be developing our knowledge of fractions, money, time, shape and measure.



**Geography** – This term we are learning about the features and names of different forest environments and exploring the plants and animals which live there.



**Science** – We will be identifying, naming and classifying the key features of different plants and animals, as well as learning how to sort them into their correct groups. We will also be learning about the movement of the sun.



**Design and Technology** – The children will be making a tree house with a winding mechanism – exploring the processes of designing, making and evaluating.



**Art** – Children exploring colour and texture through animal collages, pictures and models.



**Computing** – We will be focusing on developing basic communication skills and coding.



### Homework

Please listen, read and share stories as often as you can with your children, talking about events from the story and identifying any new or tricky words. Please ensure your child brings their Reading Folder to school every day and encourage your child to swap their books when they are ready to do so.



Homework, targeted at your child's ability will be sent home on a Friday. This will include spellings and either a Maths, English or topic piece of work. Remember to practise the 100 / 200 key words and the weekly spellings - spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. Please return homework by the following Thursday.

### P.E

We will have P.E twice a week on a Monday and Tuesday. One of these will be outside so please ensure your child has suitable labelled outdoor clothing, ie: joggers/leggings, t-shirt, hoody and trainers. We encourage that children should leave PE kits in school all week, in case of a change of plan and to prevent forgotten kit on PE days.



### And a final plea...

#### Name Labelling

Now the weather is getting warmer, **PLEASE** ensure that all your children's belongings, especially coats, cardigans, jumpers, etc., are clearly labelled.

#### Show and Tell

Children may bring in objects, books, pictures or drawings **linked to the topic**. We also enjoy hearing about special achievements and rewards from out of school activities.

#### Spare Clothing

If anyone has spare clothing (pants, socks and trousers) to fit 5, 6 and 7 year olds, we would appreciate them to use, in case of accidents.

#### Sun cream and hats

As the weather warms up, sun cream can be sent to school for the children to re-apply themselves at lunch time. Hats may also be worn. Please ensure both the cream and hat are clearly labelled.

### Upcoming Dates for your diary – details to follow

- Apr 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Evening
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup>** – Reading with Firefighters
- WB May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** – Y2 SATs
- June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Summer topic trip
- July 11<sup>th</sup>** – Seaside day

We look forward to another exciting term

Thank you for your continued support

**From the Key Stage One Team**

