

# Newsletter

Key Stage One

Summer Term

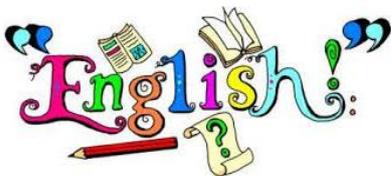
We would like to welcome you back to school after what we hope was a lovely Easter break.



This term our topic is 'The Circle of Life' which we hope will become as inspiring as last term's topic. During this topic the children will be given the opportunity to explore the life cycles of animals, including humans and plants and will have the opportunity to explore the geographic features of the local area as well as studying diversity in our local and wider environments. Initially we will be focusing on the diversity of plants and habitats as well as learning to identify unique features of our local area.



In **English** this term the children will be developing reading and comprehension 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 not be using a specific author in our English sessions but will be looking at the author 'Nick Butterworth' who wrote the Percy the Park Keeper collection which will support our role play.



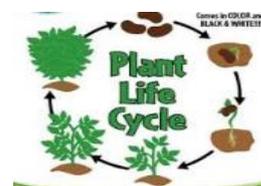
In **Maths** we will be continuing to focus on number work with a focus on problem solving and applying knowledge through simple and 2-step calculations. We will also be developing our knowledge of fractions, money, time, shape and measure.



**Geography** – This term we are learning about the features and names of different environments and habitats, with a focus on our local area. We will also continue developing our compass and map work skills.



**Science** – We will be identifying, naming and classifying the key features of different plants, as well as learning how to sort them into their correct animal group. We will also be learning about the life cycles of different living things.



**Design and Technology** – The children will be making and designing seed packets and studying the work of a famous designer.



**Art** – Children will be studying the work of Andy Warhol and developing sketching skills by studying different plants, seeds and fruits.



**Computing** – We will be focussing on developing basic communication skills using programs such as email and working with data for simple research.



### 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. We will continue to reward frequent readers with house points so please encourage your child to swap their books when they are ready to do so. Please ensure your child brings their Reading Folder to school every day.



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 and 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 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 30<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Parent Evening

**May** – Y2 SATs

**May** – Local artist visit

**June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** - Y1 phonics screening

**TBC** – summer topic trip

\*Please see school newsletter for general dates this term\*

We look forward to another exciting term

Thank you for your continued support

**From the Key Stage One Team**

