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## Information

- In order to learn well, children need to be in school every day!
- Help your child to get to school on time. The classroom door will be open at 8:45am and that is when we start give them an activity to start off their learning. Gates are closed at 8.55 and the register is taken at 9am.
- Please send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform, including black shoes which should not be trainers. This will help them to feel a valued part of our school community.
- They will need the correct school PE kit in school every Thursday.
- **Children need to bring their home reading book to school every day.** We will change their books at least once a week.
- Your child can choose a library book to take home to share with you every week. We hope you enjoy reading with your child!

### Members of staff in Year 1 this year

1JW – Mrs Widdowson & Mrs Downing

1PG – Ms Gibby & Mrs Anna Pleskacz

## Year 1 – Summer 2019

It's the summer term, and although the weather is just catching up with the season, we have already planned out what your child will be learning!

To support your child's work in school you can help at home in a variety of ways:

- develop reading skills by reading and looking at books together
- speak and listen to your child at every opportunity
- limit the amount of time they are left to play computer games
- practise mathematic skills like adding and taking away by asking simple questions like 'What's 9 and 5?' whenever you get a chance
- always talk to your child about the work they have done at school
- keep encouraging your child to learn outside of the classroom.

***'Practice Makes Progress!'***

Phonics Test  
Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June

## Reading

Children in Key Stage 1 are required to pass a test to show they can read the majority of sounds that are used to make words in English.

Test week begins on the 10th June and children will be asked to read 40 words – a mixture of real words and made-up words – and expected to read around 34 correctly to pass.

Please use the various resources we are sending home to continue to support your child. Encourage them to read the sounds carefully and accurately. Our mantra is

**'Special Friends!**

**Fred the word!**

**Say the word!**

Ask your child and they will tell you what this means! Please also look on our website for a helpful RWI video.

## Science

The Science learning this term will be all about understanding plants. To start things off, we will be growing our own beanstalks!

The children will learn about different types of plants and how we get our food from certain plants. They will investigate how a seed germinates and the conditions that are needed to enable it to grow into a healthy plant.

## Foundation Curriculum

During the first part of the summer term we will be learning about 'Castles' using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk to inspire us. We will be also be looking at armour and designing our own. As well as trying to print pictures of castles, we are going to compare old-fashioned castle kitchens to those of today and look at the very famous Bayeux Tapestry.

Next half term 'Food, Glorious Food' will be our topic. This will include work on farming and seasons. We will be learning about what happens in each season and why the seasons change, using iPads to search for seasonal pictures.

We are also going to be designing some healthy, tasty selections of food, using some of our favourite fruit and vegetables. We will be carrying out a taste test first of all, so look forward to your children telling you all about tasting things they haven't tried to eat before!

To carry on with the seasonal fruit and vegetable theme, we will look at some interesting artworks by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

## Search online:

- for Maths: Numberblocks on CBeebies
- for Maths: ICT Games
- for DT: BBC Bitesize Healthy Food KS1
- for exciting things at Grove try Twitter @grovepri

## Maths

During the Summer Term, Year 1 will be developing their understanding of the place value of the digits in 2 digit numbers. They will be learning to count in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10 to 100, write all of the numerals from 0-100, and from 0-20 in words. This will support the work that they continue to do using the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

They will also be finding fractions of objects, shapes and amounts as well as learning to tell the time.

You can help your child to practise their maths skills by talking about the times in their daily routine, for example, the time that they leave for school.

## Don't Forget...

The Library is free and a fantastic resource. Our nearest library is:

Wolverhampton Central Library,  
Snow Hill,  
City Centre,  
Wolverhampton  
WV1 3AX

01902 552025

History is at our fingertips through Wolverhampton's museums, galleries and archives. Find out what is going on across the city by visiting:  
[www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/visit/wolves](http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/visit/wolves)