

Year One Newsletter

Summer 1 2024



We hope you have had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed indulging in chocolate, treats and spending time with family and friends. Hopefully the sun continues to shine, and we can all enjoy spending more time outside. We have another exciting half term ahead of us – it is an absolute pleasure being able to support and watch your children flourish and grow.

Wonderful Whipsnade Zoo

A huge thank you to all of the parents for making this trip possible. It was an absolute pleasure to take the children to Whipsnade. They enjoyed a jam-packed day visiting lots of different animals, listening to animal talks, taking part in an African animal workshop with an expert and having a delicious picnic. Many members of the public and employees commented on how polite, engaged and well behaved our children were. We are all so incredibly proud of them for representing our school so well. You are fantastic Year One!



Dates for the Diary

- 22nd – 26th April – McKee Come Dine With Me
- 29th April – 3rd May – Murphy Come Dine With Me
- 6th May – School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 7th – 10th May – Jeffers Come Dine With Me
- Thursday 23rd May – Class Photos
- Friday 24th May – End of term

Homework

The children are working really hard on their homework. Each week we ask that the children:

- Read their phonics books at least once a day in addition to enjoying story books.
- Complete Maths homework which will continue to be set on Purple Mash every Monday. The children have a week to complete this.

Phonics Screening Checks

The Year One Phonics screening checks are due to take place the week commencing **Monday 10th June 2023**. The checks are based on Phase 3 and Phase 5 sounds which the children

Tricky Words

We continue to work on our tricky word reading and spelling. At the end of the half term we will be assessing the children's reading and spelling of these words.

have been learning all year. Each child will be tested on them individually and you will be informed of their results. You can find out more about the check [here](#).

To support your child with the phonics screening check, we encourage you to read with them once a day to embed their knowledge of their taught sounds. If you would like support on how to support your child with phonics you can visit the Little Wandle resources [here](#) or ask your child's class teacher.

To support your child with these words a copy of the Year 1 tricky words will be sent home with your child. These can be practiced in many ways! Recognising and spelling tricky words will support your child's fluency in reading and improve their writing skills too.

Little Wandle Tricky words – Year 1

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Phase 1	Phase 5				
Is	And	She	Their	Any	Once
I	Has	Push	People	Many	Laugh
The	Her	He	Oh	Again	Because
Put	Go	Of	Your	Who	Eye
Pull	No	We	Mr	Whole	
Full	To	Me	Mrs	Where	
As	Into	Be	Ms	Two	
			Ask	School	
			Could	Call	
Phase 3			Would	Different	
Was	My	Are	Should	Thought	
You	By	Sure	Our	Through	
They	All	Pure	House	Friend	
			Mouse	Work	
			Water		
			Want		
Phase 4					
Said	Love	There			
So	Do	When			
Have	Were	What			
Like	Here	One			
Some	Little	Out			
Come	Says	Today			

Year 1 Curriculum

Africa



♥ In English this half term, we are basing our learning on African animals and stories. The children will be writing a recount of their zoo trip, a fact file on African animals, a thank you letter to Whipsnade Zoo and retelling and adapting the story Giraffes Can't Dance. We will focus on writing sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces as well as including adjectives and high-quality vocabulary. We are working hard to be able to write words with -ed and -es suffixes (e.g. jumped, walked/houses, boxes)

♥ During Geography, the children will learn all about Africa. They will learn how to use an Atlas and create a fantastic A3 fact file based on everything Africa! This will include learning about basic key skills and learning how to locate the continents and countries.

♥ In Maths the children will be learning how to recognise and find half and a quarter of an object and quantities, developing their positional and directional language and improving their knowledge of place value to 100.

♥ Continuing with our theme in Science we are learning all about animals – linking to our African topic. Year 1 will learn to identify a variety of common animals and will begin to classify them. They will be introduced to new vocabulary: carnivore, herbivore and omnivore and be able to explain what the difference is between the three.



♥ In DT, the children will be learning about all things chocolate! They will understand that cocoa comes from Africa and learn how chocolate is made. They will taste a variety of different chocolate and learn how rice crispy cakes are made before choosing the chocolate and topping to go into their very own rice crispy cakes!

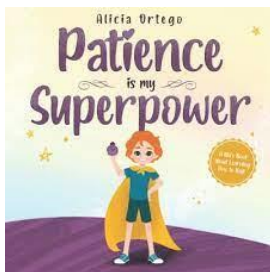
♥ In RE we are learning all about caring for others by linking this to various religious stories. This links well to our PSHE topic of relationships where we will be learning about different families and discussing what makes us and others special.

♥ In Music the children are lucky enough to have an African Drumming workshop with Mrs Horwood and learn some African songs. We will then continue our learning of exploring pitch by playing a variety of instruments including chime bars, glockenspiels, xylophones, drums cabasas and maracas.



Our Priory Rise Value of the Month for April and May

Patience



During the month of April, we are focusing on the value 'patience'. We will be discussing what this means and learning how to demonstrate patience with ourselves and others. We will read lots of books to support our learning.

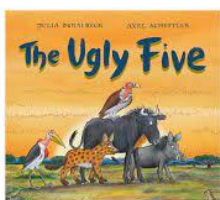


In May our Value of the month will be:

Generosity

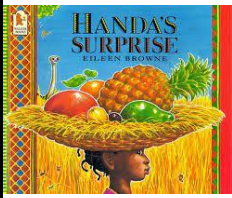


Topic Recommended Reads



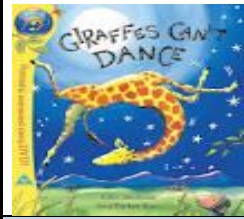
'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson because:

This is a heart warming story where the unusual animals find pride in themselves and their differences. It teaches us that beauty is in the eye of the beholder – to see beauty we must look inside.



'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Brown because:

The children are really familiar with this story and enjoy retelling the events in the book. The illustrations are beautiful and the children love discussing which fruits they have and haven't tried.



'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae because:

It is a great book which encourages one of our many values – resilience. It is a story of a giraffe who wants nothing more than to dance. The children love the bright pictures and wonderful message that is demonstrated in this book.

Contact Us

If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please record this in your child's Home/School link book. Alternatively, you can email the Year 1 teaching team on the following email address: year1@poryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk

All teachers are able to access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours, but before 6pm each day. Thank you!

Finally....

Thank you for all of your support, it is a pleasure to work alongside you to best support your children.

