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Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 1

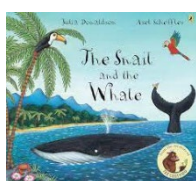
Welcome to the fifth edition of our newsletter! We have lots of exciting things planned over the next few weeks. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with an overview of what will be happening in Year 1 this half term.



Our Theme this term is:
Come with me across the sea

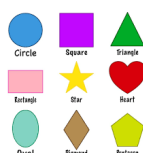
English

We will be focusing on the texts *Lost and Found* and *The Snail and the Whale*. The children will learn to write simple and complex sentences incorporating adjectives, conjunctions and question marks. Our final piece of writing will be writing a letter to the penguin character in *Lost and Found*.



Maths

The children will cover a range of topics in Maths this half term. Our key focus is geometry and statistics. We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, we will be making our own tally charts and we will be learning directional clues including half, quarter and three-quarter turn. We will also be learning about money and identifying different notes and coins.



Science



In Science we will continue to observe the weather and understand how seasonal changes affect us. We will focus on the changes we see in Summer. We will also be comparing the weather to the South Pole linked to our books.

We will also be learning about Animals including Humans. The children will learn to name a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles birds and mammals, we will also sort animals into these categories. They will also learn to classify an animal by what it eats; whether it is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. We will also have a visit from Mrs Gray and Mrs Blinks dogs over the half term.

Geography



In theme we will begin with Geography. We will learn about some of the main features of hot and cold places. We will then think about the clothes we would wear in hot and cold places. We will continue to keep a weather chart.

Art



We will then move onto Art where we will continue learning about primary and secondary colours. We will also give opinions on the work on an artist. As our piece of art work we will create our own patterns and then combine these together as classes to make a blanket for the boy in our story *Lost and Found*.

DT



In DT we will be creating plans with the aim of making a boat for the penguin. We will need to think about the materials we are using and also evaluate our model to see if we can make any improvements.

PHSCE



Rights and Respect and Being my best

The children will continue to think about how to look after something such as a pet. We will learn about money and how to look after our money. We will learn some basic first aid. We will then move onto healthy eating, thinking about the foods we need to keep healthy and the foods that we like and dislike.

Important Dates

Eid Party – Friday 12th April
May Day school closed – Monday 6th May
School closes – Friday 24th May

Parents Basic Skills

These sessions will run **every Thursday at 2.50pm**. These sessions are really beneficial to all the children and give you a great opportunity to see what the children have been learning in class. We hope that you can attend as many of the sessions as possible.

PE and Outdoor learning

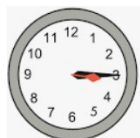
PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Children will need to **come to school in the correct kit** every Thursday. Outdoor learning will not be taking place this half term.



School day/ routines



Learning starts at **8:45 a.m.**
Learning ends at **3:15 p.m.**



There will be members of the Year 1 and 2 team on the yard before and after school. If you have questions please come and speak to one of the staff team.

Equipment

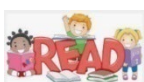


Children will need to bring their own water bottle to school every day.

Children must also arrive to school every day with their reading record and reading books.

Learning at Home

Reading: Children are expected to read for at least **20** minutes every day.



Please listen to your child read and encourage them to develop good reading habits. Ask your child questions about the texts they read and please fill in the reading records so we can give your child a new book.

Library – Every Tuesday, the children will spend half an hour in the library, where they will select a book they can take home and read for pleasure. Our library sessions will include a time for the children to read their books and also, we will provide them with an opportunity to listen to a range of texts.

Homework Menu

Children will be given a homework menu. They must choose an activity from either English, Maths, Creative or Other. Homework books will be given out on Friday and must be completed and handed in by **Wednesday**.

Times tables: By the end of year one children are expected to be able to count in 2, 5 and 10s. Regular practise of these is vital for your child to become secure with these facts. Please help your child to say and use their times tables.

Spellings

Children will be given a list of spellings every **Monday**. Please help your child to read and spell these correctly as they will be tested on these in class every **Friday**.

Break and Lunch Times

Break Time

10:15-10:30

Lunch Time

11:30 – 12:00 pm. (Lunch in class)
12:00 12:30pm. (Outside)

Talking at Home

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class. Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out. See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school. This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work. They may even tell you something you didn't know!

Get Epic

We have a fantastic resource available for the children to access a range of reading books, both fiction and non-fiction. If you google get epic/student log in. You will be asked to enter your class code.

The class code for 1JG is **jui4949**.

The class code for 1TB is