

Year One Newsletter

Our units for the term:

Focusing on history, science, DT and PSHE.

Driving question: How can we encourage people to lead a healthy lifestyle?

Why are castles important to Britain?

Update:

Welcome to term 6 in Year 1, your child's final term before moving onto Year 2. This term is very busy so in order to keep you updated with dates and events, please make sure you check the list at the bottom of the newsletter. Last term, both classes earned all of their rewards so had a wonderful end of term picnic for the Queen's Jubilee on the last day of term!

As usual, we will be discussing what the children would like their class reward to be when we return from Term 6.

Literacy

Our new story for the term is 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We will be learning our version of this defeating the monster story over the next few weeks then the children will be writing their own. We have provided a copy of the story for you to share at home. Look out for similes (e.g. as fast as a cheetah), synonyms (e.g. huge for big and towering for tall) as well as good story language and speech. Later in the term, we will be looking at the book 'Fruits and Vegetables' and thinking about how we can live a healthy life style.

At home: Try reading other defeating the monster stories for example, The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Phonics

We will continue to learn, read and write our Set 1, 2 and 3 Read Write Inc phonics so we are ready for Year 2.

At home: Support your child by using: <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase5Menu.htm> Choose any phase 2- 5 game.

You can find out more information on: <http://www.theschoolrun.com/year-1-phonics-screening-check>

Numeracy

In maths, initially we will be continuing to learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s from a given number. Talking about and investigating odd and even numbers. We will then start exploring numbers to 100 through tens and ones, comparing, addition and subtraction as well as everyday problem solving.

At home: Read the story on: <http://www.slideshare.net/ismes/one-is-a-snail-ten-is-a-crab> and practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Practise measuring length, weight and capacity around the house or at the shops!

PE

PE will be on a Monday for Holly class and Wednesday for Hazel class. This will normally be outside as long as the weather permits. This term we will be learning to sequence dance moves in our indoor PE sessions to music related to Jack and the Beanstalk. In outdoor PE, we will then continue with athletic based skills; throwing, jumping and running. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school with trainers and socks and is not wearing earrings on PE days.

Creative Curriculum

Our focus will primarily be science over the first few weeks. The pupils will be learning how to name trees and plants and the parts that make up these: roots, petals, leaves, stem and branches. They will explore the local environment to spot plants they can draw and label. We will also be growing beans and learning how to look after these.

We will go onto looking at healthy food and where these foods come from and explore what we need to do to make sure we have a healthy lifestyle. This will then help us to advise a Knight (linked to our castle topic) what they need to do to be healthy.

At home: Name plants you see on your way to school. Practise naming parts of a tree and flowering plant on:

<http://www.firstschoolyears.com/science/living/interactive/growing-plants.swf> Keep a food diary of what you eat during half term.

We will also be learning about castles in the past and comparing them to castles today. The children will be designing, making and evaluating the design of their own castle.

At home: try to visit and explore some local castle sites for example Deddington, Oxford, Culworth, Warwick...

Knights and Princesses Day -Please send your child to school on Friday 10th June dressed as a character who would live in a castle.

Forest School

We will continue to do Forest School this term. It will be on Monday for Hazel class and Wednesday for Holly class.

Please make sure the children have suitable forest school clothes kits on these days.

Transition Days

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July all of the current Year 1 children will be moving up to their new Year 2 classes for the last two days of term. After this they will not come back to their current Year 1 class so they will end the school year in their new class with their new teacher. As part of the transition days the children will be given time to get to know their new teacher, the new classroom and will take part in lots of activities to help them settle in. You will be sent a separate letter later in the term to tell you who your child's class teacher will be for Year 2.

Dates

Monday 6th June – Friday 10th June – Phonics screening check (separate letter to be sent)

Friday 10th June – knights and princesses dress up day

Friday 17th June – Warwick castle trip

Friday 17th June – PTFA Special man in your life market

Monday 20th – Sports day 9am on the school field

Friday 24th June – INSET day school closed

Wednesday 20th July – last day in current class

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July – Transition days in new classes

Friday 22nd July – 1.45pm finish.

Here is a copy of our story we will be learning:

Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a poor boy called Jack who lived with his mother in a ramshackle house. They were starving and cold.

One warm and sunny day his mother said: "Go to the market and sell the cow but make sure you get a good price for her."

Later that afternoon Jack set off. He plodded and he plodded and he plodded until he got to the market. He sold the cow but unfortunately all he got was beans, big brown beans.

When he got home he put the beans on the table. His mother looked at the big brown beans. She threw the beans out of the window because she was furious!

The very next day the beans had grown into a towering beanstalk which was as tall as a house.

So Jack decided to climb the beanstalk. He climbed and he climbed and he climbed until he reached the top.

When he got to the clouds he spied a huge castle in the distance. He ran as fast as a cheetah towards the castle. First, he pushed open the huge door. Next, he crept in slowly.

Inside the castle he spied his mother's old hen that laid golden eggs.

"This will solve all our problems" Jack thought.

As quick as a flash he grabbed the hen.

Suddenly he heard ...

"FIE FI FO FUM. I smell the blood of an English man!" Jack saw two, giant feet!

Jack was nimble, Jack was quick. He ran and he ran and he ran down the towering beanstalk. Unfortunately the huge giant chased after him and climbed down the beanstalk too. Fortunately Jack grabbed a nearby axe and he chopped and he chopped and he chopped until the colossal beanstalk came tumbling down!

At that moment the terrifying giant tumbled to the ground and that was the end of him. Jack, his mother and the hen that laid golden eggs lived happily ever after.