



BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing and chocolate-filled Easter and that you are looking forward to a sunny Summer Term!

Learning Challenge

This term our Learning Challenge is based around History and the question “**What did Mary Anning discover?**” You will be able to see the range of work we are covering on our attached topic plan. We are excited to also have planned in an ‘Explorer’s Day’, where the children can come in dressed as an explorer. This day will be held on **Friday 15th May**. More information on this will be sent out nearer the time.

Phonics Screening Test

In June, all Year 1 children are required to undertake the Phonics Screening Test. The test is made up of 40 words: 20 real and 20 ‘pseudo’ words (made-up words) and your child is required to read as many of them as they can using their phonic knowledge and skills. In order to help your child with their phonics, please continue to practise reading words at home. We will be sending home extra practise every Friday. If you have any questions about this test, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

Reading

Please remember to read at least 3 times a week. Children will continue to receive a new phonics reading book each week on **Monday**. Thank you for your continued support with this - it really does make such a difference to your child’s progress. Please remember to **record reading completed at home in their reading record**. Children’s books will only be changed each week if they have read the book 3 times or more.

We’d also like to remind families about **Ready Steady Books**, where parents and carers are warmly invited to come into school every Friday between 8.45-9am to read with their children and share special reading time together.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be taught and tested fortnightly in our phonics sessions. Any additional revision of these you can do at home will greatly improve your child’s chances of spelling them correctly in the test and in future written work.

Homework Grid

Please find attached the homework grid for this half term. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in on Mondays, and they will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. We will also display the homework in class. The homework for this half term can be done with a parent or other adult supporting them. Most importantly, have fun learning!

Reminders

- **PE will continue to be on a Tuesday.** Please make sure that children are wearing appropriate clothing for both indoor and outdoor PE.
- For PE **long hair must be tied back** and any **earrings removed or taped over**.
- Please ensure your children's **jumpers and cardigans** are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- **Water bottles** need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled with water only please.
- **Library** day will be on a **Thursday**, so please ensure borrowed books are in children's bags. This is a lovely opportunity to try lots of different books and select books with their peers.
- During this term, on warmer days please apply **sunscreen to your child before they come to school** to help keep them safe in the sun. **Sun hats** are also advised when the weather is warm.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions, please come and speak to your class teacher.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team