



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 Holiday 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 ‘Adventurers Day’, where the children can come in dressed as an adventurer (in clothes suitable for outdoor and creative activities) and we will have a day learning more about dinosaurs, fossils and being an adventurer. **This day will be held on Tuesday 17th May.**

Phonics Meeting – Date for your Diary

In June, all Year 1 children will be taking 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 we are holding a parents meeting on **Wednesday 18th May 9.00am-9.30am** so you can learn a little more about the test and get some ideas to use at home.

PE

PE will take place weekly on a **Tuesday** afternoon this term. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and will stay in them all day. Please make sure their footwear is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE, and if it is a chilly day they will need a school jumper to wear as well. As always, we ask that long hair is tied back on these days and any earrings are either taken out or covered over with medical tape.

Reading

Please remember to try and read at least 3 times a week to help your child make good progress. It is helpful if you can record what they have read and how they have done in their reading record. This will also count towards the class reading challenge! Children will continue to receive a new phonics reading book each week.

Spelling Changes

Spellings will continue to be taught in our Phonics sessions and will now be tested **fortnightly on Friday’s**. Children are now going to be given spellings to learn based on their phonics group. To support the

consolidation of spellings children in Miss Lees' phonics group will be revisiting previous spelling sets and children in Mrs Boyce's/Mrs Norton's phonics group will be learning new spellings. Your child's spellings will be dated so it is easy to find the correct set. Any revision of spellings that you can do at home will greatly improve your child's chances of spelling them correctly in the test and in future written work.

Library Books

Please can you make sure that your child has their library book with them on a **Monday** as this is when we usually swap them in our school library. Also we are still encouraging children to take part in the new Book Bingo activity, so please make sure if your child has one of these 'Book Bingo' books it is in their bag and ready to swap. Children who complete 10, 20 or 30 titles win a prize.

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

- This year we will be having at least one session of outdoor learning a week. Each child will need a pair of wellies in school in order for them to be fully involved.
- During this term, on warmer days please apply **suncream** 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.
- Please ensure your children's jumpers, cardigans and hats 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. These bottles should contain **water only**.

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

Mrs Boyce, Miss Lees, Mrs Norton

Mrs Fenner, Miss Shore, Mrs Young