

Year 1 summer term newsletter!



Dear families and children,

Welcome back to school after a lovely Easter break. I hope you are all excited to be back at school for your final term in Y1. Can you believe how quick it has gone by!

Our learning this term- **The seaside!**

We will become time travellers this term by going back in time to look at seaside towns from the past. We will learn about the wonderful planet that you we live on and the picturesque sights it provides us with. You will be captivated by exciting historical and geographical facts about different seaside experiences. The learning will be supported by our focus book of 'the lighthouse keeper's lunch'. This book will take us on the journey of some pesky seagulls who like to pinch Mr Grinling's lunch. This book will immerse us into our first talk for writing topic where we will innovate this story to make it our own.

Over half term our classroom has been transformed into our own year 1 seaside resort. You will see lighthouses, lots of sand and even our very own puppet theatre. As always, we are looking for any lovely topic books that we can share to enhance our learning further. If you have any seaside books that you would like to share then please bring them in.

Please see our holistic plan for a more detailed overview of what your child will be learning about this term. It will help you to see how our theme of 'The seaside' is weaved through each subject, where it is possible.

Drop off and collection times-

In Y1, the drop off time is **8:40-8:50 am** and pick up time is **3.15pm**. Can you drop off and collect your child from the KS1 door on the playground where I will be waiting to greet you. Mrs Van-Russelt will be waiting in the classroom for your children to enter.

Reading

You are all doing so well with your reading and my favourite time of the day is listening to you read in phonics. Reading time in Year 1 is a very important time. In our classroom and year 1 garden, we

have designated quiet places for reading and we will be encouraging children to read environmental print, word cards and a large variety of books which the children will have access to in our classroom. Reading with your child at home in a relaxed and informal way builds on all we do in school. We encourage that you share stories, read to your child, talk about stories and listen to your child read as much as possible. When you do, please write a little comment in your child's reading record as we love to award 20 marbles for every reading record that is completed. Please remember to bring your reading record and reading books to school every day in your book bag.

We plan our book change on **Mondays and Thursday**.

We have a Y1 reading website which we encourage children to visit. The link is: <https://y1reading.weebly.com/>. It includes a variety of different activities such as book reviews, reading games and spellings. There is also a list of 'Y1 recommended reads' these are our challenge books that are in a special place in the classroom where the children can access and borrow them from school.

Remember we have our challenge books in school now that you can take home which we hope will promote a love for reading. These storybooks can be read by yourself or your parent/carer. Once you have a note in your reading diary to say you have read the book you will then be rewarded with 1 point. Your points can help you to achieve marbles and awards.

10 books= bronze award plus 10 marbles

20 books = silver award plus 10 marbles

35 books= gold award plus 10 marbles

50 books= platinum award plus 20 marbles

Please note that chapter books are worth 5 points.

Mystery readers-

We are still on our top secret mission to find volunteers who want to surprise our class and read to them. If you want to share your favourite story then we would love for you to secretly put a video on seesaw. Thank you to all of those families that have previously been a mystery reader. The children have really enjoyed having their parents and grandparents surprise them, it is a real treat.

PE-

Our PE lessons this term will take place on a **Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon**.

PE will be taken by sportscape on Tuesday and Mrs Jenkins on a Wednesday afternoon. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kits on the day that PE is being taught. If there is a change to the PE days, you will receive an email to notify you. Children's PE kits should consist of a Wybunbury Delves blue PE top or plain white t-shirt with no logos or prints, black shorts, white or black trainers, black tracksuit/joggers and a Wybunbury Delves black PE hoodie. You have all looked super smart in your PE kits last term!

Homework-

Your child will continue to take their Read Write Inc books at home where they will be encouraged to read each book three times to achieve the reading skills they need. These books will then be changed on Monday and Thursday.

Your child will be given some new bingo homework that is linked to our theme of the seaside. Every child will receive a head teacher's award if they complete all of their bingo homework by the end of the term. Please upload any bingo homework to seesaw.

The children will be given maths homework each week to complete at home. This will be emailed out at the end of the week. It is expected that children upload their maths homework to seesaw.

Remember that you can contact me through the year1@wybunburydelves.co.uk email if you have any questions or queries.

Please keep up to date with what we are up to in Year 1 by visiting our school website and following us on Facebook or Twitter. We will send out a weekly newsletter at the end of each week on our website. Don't forget to give our wonderful work a like on Facebook or twitter so that we know you have seen it!

I am looking forward to spending my final term with my fantastic Y1 superstars.

Best wishes,

Miss Haynes