



Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 2026

Welcome to the Summer term which will take place between 13th April and 24th July. Bank holiday will be on Monday 4th May. Half term will be 25th to 29th May. Inset day is on 27th July.

PE will remain to be on a Wednesday for all in Year 1. Children should bring their PE kits and leave them in school for this term. PE kit includes black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. Children should remove any jewellery before school on this day.

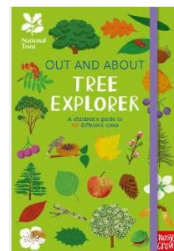
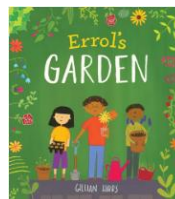
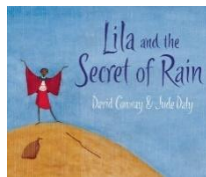
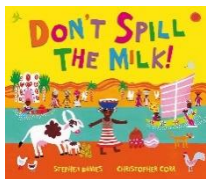


Please ensure your child has a water bottle as it is important that your child is able to drink water and stay hydrated whenever they are thirsty in school. These should be taken home, washed and refilled each day. Please add your child's name to the bottle.



Sun safety: Children should apply sun cream before they arrive at school.

Remember, children should bring their reading bags, Little Wandle books (in packs), diaries and book banded reading books to school every day. We will be sending spellings home this half-term. Please practise reading and writing them at home. Please aim to read at home with your child at least three times a week – even more is even better! Please use the phonics packs which were handed out at Phonics meeting.



English:

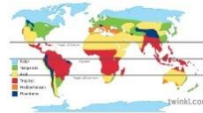
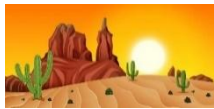
- We are reading books to support our topic work this term, starting with "Don't Spill the Milk!" by Stephen Davies and Christopher Corr. This story is set in Africa. We will be working on writing in full sentences, writing short stories independently, and learning to re-read our own writing to be sure that it makes sense.
- We will also be reading Lila and the Secret of the Rain which is another story set in Africa.
- After half term we will be looking at fiction and non-fiction texts about trees, plants and nature.

Maths:



- Children will be learning simple multiplication (as repeated addition) and division (as sharing fairly).
- Children will be learning about fractions (halves and quarters).
- Summer 2 will be about place value money and time.

Topics for this term:



- Our big topic question this half term is 'What is it like to live in a hot country?'. We will be using maps and globes to see where the hot parts of the world are. We will be learning about deserts and other hot places, including the animals that live there.
- Remember to use the knowledge organiser to help your child with learning key information at home too!
- After half term we will be asking "What is the difference between a plant and a tree?" and focusing on learning about plants and trees that grow around us.
- For PSHE, we are learning 'Me and Others' which is all about what makes us special, different families, roles and responsibilities and helping each other.

Attendance and punctuality:

It is important your child comes to school every day so they can continue to make progress with their learning. Missing school does mean your child can fall behind and it can be difficult to catch up. If your child needs medicine during the day, please speak to the school office who can complete forms and help make arrangements. Coughs and colds are normal and these should not prevent children coming to school on a regular basis. Please speak to the school office who can assist if you have queries over absence.

Homework:

Last term, school sent home information about homework tasks that will support your child's learning at home.

Your child brings a home learning book every day. This is updated every week with the new sounds, tricky words and sentences that we cover in phonics. This is an opportunity for the children to show their parents what they have learnt in phonics.

Please encourage your child to read these words and practise writing them in the home learning book. This will help them immensely with their reading and writing.

If you have any questions regarding reading, homework or anything else please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you,

Mrs Iqbal, Miss Gregg-Herrett and Mr Sawyer

Year 1 class teachers