

Year 1/2 Newsletter (Summer B 2017)

Gardeners of the future!

Thanks to the fantastic team effort on Eco Day (March 2017) the school garden is looking wonderful! The children in Key Stage One planted the seedlings that they took home and nurtured over the Easter break and have been monitoring the progress of their plants. The vegetable patches have now started to come to life with many colourful fruits and vegetables.

Here are a few snaps of Meerkat class in action:



Phonics bags

The Year One teachers would like to thank parents for their enthusiasm with the phonics bags. These have been highly successful and had a positive impact on lots of the children in Year One.

Following conversations with the Year Two teachers, the Year One team have decided to change the focus of these bags to reading and spelling the Year One common exception words. These are words which children find tricky to spell but occur very frequently in children's reading and writing. These words do not follow the phonics rules that the children are used to using when writing independently.

Please be aware that we will **not** be completing any sort of spelling test in school.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Poetry in Year Two

The children in Year Two have been writing poems inspired by nature.

They have been working hard to use expanded noun phrases, similies, adverbs, apostrophes for possession *and* of course write in their neatest joined cursive handwriting. Not much to ask!

Here are two of their masterpieces:

The tall heron's beak was as sharp as a needle

The slimy frog's skin was shining like the sun

The bumblebee's wings flapped as fast as a cheetah.

Elorah (Meerkats class)

The tree's leaves were as red as a ruby

Violently, the gnome was looking for the beautiful grey bunny

The sapphire blue waterfall was rushing like a bird landing

The adorable grey blue-tit was swooping up in the air

The tall grey deer was waiting for its enemy

Silently, the group of trees started to wiggle and waggle

Jamie (Dolphins class)

The Daily Mile

During our Healthy Living week, many of the children in Key Stage One ran, walked, hopped and skipped 6 laps of the field as part of 'The Daily Mile!' The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and many noticed that they became quicker and felt stronger by the end of the week!

Here you can see Chameleon class looking exhausted (but very proud!) after one of their runs.



PE

PE days for this half term:

	Meerkats	Bats	Dolphins	Giraffes	Eagles	Chameleons
Indoor PE	Monday	-	Friday	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday
Outdoor PE	Wednesday	Monday Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Friday	Friday

Please can we ask that PE kit stays in school for the entire half term.

A reminder of the kit:

Indoor PE Kit- White T-shirt, navy shorts.

Outdoor PE Kit- White T-shirt, navy jogging bottoms, navy warm top and trainers.

Outdoor PE takes place in all weathers so it is really important that your child has these clothes to keep them warm and dry.

Your child can wear the same T-shirt for both types of PE.

Please can you also ensure that all of your child's PE kit is named.

Our topic for the Summer term is **All around the world.**
 Here is a look ahead to what your child will be learning **this half term:**

<p>English <u>Year 1-</u> Factfiles Stories from other cultures</p> <p><u>Year 2-</u> Fantastic Mr. Fox Information texts- We will write a non-chronological report on Cotacachi, Ecuador</p>	<p>Maths <u>Year 1-</u> Multiplication</p> <p><u>Year 2-</u> Time Recap of the four operations</p>	
<p>DT Clay</p>	<p>Geography <u>Year 1-</u> Map skills. Comparing St.Ives and Tocuaro in Mexico.</p> <p><u>Year 2</u> We will be asking the big question: 'Where does our food come from?' This learning will find our Tesco 'Farm to fork' trip.</p> <p>We will continue to compare St.Ives and Cotacachi (Ecuador). We have chosen Cotacachi because this is a banana growing town. We will learn about the journey of a banana from Ecuador to on our supermarket shelves.</p>	
<p>RE Why is it important to recognise the birth of a baby?</p>	<p>ICT Programming</p> <p>PE <u>Indoor PE-</u> Gymnastics. <u>Outdoor PE-</u> Multi-skills/Athletics. Preparing for Sports Day.</p>	
<p>PSHE Managing risk</p>		

Homework

All children in Year One and Two will have homework in Summer B.

This is the first time for the Year One children and we know that many of the children are excited. In Key Stage One, children have a choice of homework tasks. All children are asked to complete at least ONE task which is then brought into school and shared as part of a 'show and tell' session to celebration. The task should take no longer than 30 minutes. If you have any questions please speak to your class teacher.

Homework will go out on Friday 9th June 2017

It should be returned to school on the week beginning Monday 17th July 2017

In addition to this please read with your child as much as you can. This doesn't have to be their school reading book. Newspapers, information leaflets and picture books