

Year 1 Newsletter : Summer 1 2022

The Year 1 teachers are thrilled to welcome you back for another exciting term of learning! I hope you have had a wonderful break! I would like to say a special thank you to all of the parents for the wonderful Easter bonnets that were made last half term. They were fantastic! This half term our new topic is called 'How Do I Get There Safely?' where children will be developing their understanding of transport from the past and present as well as how to be safe near cars and trains.

If there are any concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment with the school office to speak to me or another member of Year 1 staff.

Many thanks,
Miss Stone, Ms Kumari and Miss Teague

Thematic Learning

This term our thematic topic is 'How do I Get There Safely?'

This topic has many opportunities for History work, as the children will be learning about famous inventors of different forms of transport such as the Wright Brothers who invented the aeroplane and George Stephenson who made breakthroughs with steam trains.

In Design and Technology, we will be learning about the invention of hot air balloons and will be creating our own by combining a variety of materials.

Towards the end of the topic, children will also be making their own moving train using wheels and axels.

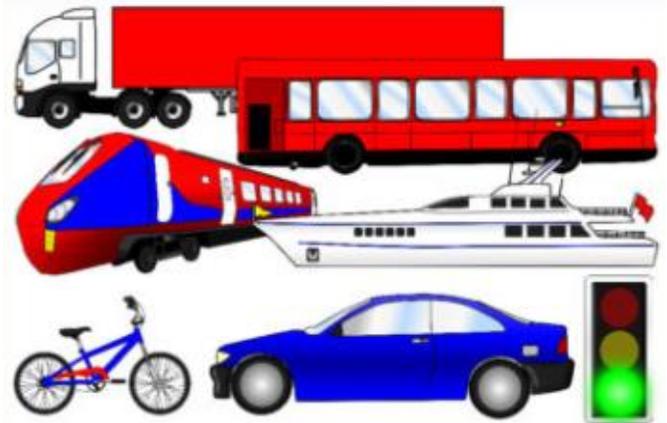
In Art, the children will be learning about the artist Jackson Pollock, discovering how he created his work and will use this knowledge to influence their own artwork which they will create using wheeled vehicles.

Science

In Science, Year 1's topic will be 'Seasonal Change'. In this topic children will be observing changes across the four seasons and describing the weather associated with each season.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 2nd May- Bank Holiday
Thursday 28th May-Break up for half term
Friday 27th May- INSET Day

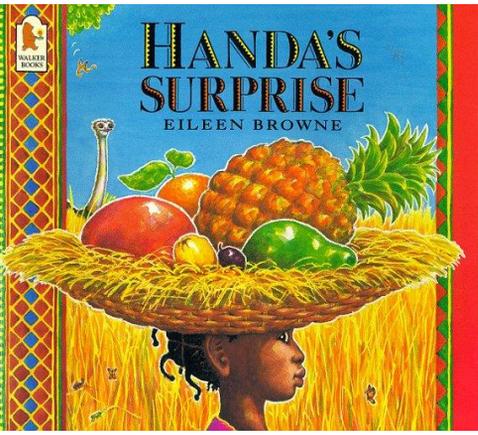


P.E

Please remember that there is a requirement that your child wears a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and appropriate footwear for P.E.

P.E kits should be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed.

Earrings should be removed to take part in PE. Please ensure your child knows how to remove their earrings or does not wear earrings to school on a Tuesday.



Literacy and Phonics

In Literacy our text focus for this half term is 'Handa's Surprise'. This story allows for lots of opportunities to use adjectives to describe the different animals that appear, as well as taste and describe the pieces of fruit that Handa carries. It will also enable children to use exclamation marks and question marks, as well as extend their sentences by using 'and'. We will also be continuing to develop children's phonics skills and ensuring they are using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in all sentences.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we will begin the term by recapping how to solve addition and subtraction calculations building up to more complex methods such as partitioning and beginning to solve word problems. We will recap how to solve multiplication and division calculations using arrays, repeated addition, grouping and sharing. There will also be a focus on time this half term, as children will learn to tell the time to the hour and half past, sequence events in chronological order and compare times of the day using the vocabulary 'earlier' and 'later'. In addition, children will be learning how to measure and solve practical problems for capacity as well as find halves and quarters of small amounts. .

Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message from last year is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by 8.50am.

Homework- Reminder

In Year 1, children are expected to develop some independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 10 minutes per night). We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favourite books, stories, poems etc. with your child. Reading books will also be sent home from school which **MUST** be brought to school every day to be used in one to one reading sessions with a member of staff.

Your child will also have a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book once a week when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school.

Maths homework will continue to be set on Purple Mash on a Friday and the deadline for completion will be Wednesday - this way children will be able to speak to their teachers on Monday or Tuesday if there is anything that they don't understand.

Spellings will also be set weekly on Purple Mash on a Friday. Children will then do their spelling test on the following Friday. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then use the spellings in context by writing different sentences.

Your child will also receive a Thematic Homework Challenge this week. This has been designed to encourage collaborative work between children and their parents. It can be handed in at any point during the half term and should reflect children's learning in school.