

Year 1 Newsletter : Summer 2 2023

I hope you are all excited for our last half term of learning in Year 1! We really appreciate the support of parents and carers in helping your child at home. We would love for this to continue by encouraging your child to read the Phonics booklets sent home in preparation for the Phonics screening check which will be completed this half term. I was so impressed with Year 1's fantastic attendance last half term, as the class made great progress in the whole school attendance race. It would be great if we could have your support in keeping this up for the last half term so that all the children in Year 1 can be confident learners who are ready to move into Year 2.

If there are any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me or another member of Year 1 staff.

Many thanks,
Miss Stone, Ms Kumari and Miss Millward

Thematic Learning

This term our thematic topic is 'What Is On The Other Side Of The World?'

To begin the topic, children will recap previous learning of their place in the world and the location of continents and oceans. They will learn about Captain Cook's voyage to Australia and plot his journey on a world map.

In History, we will be learning about Aboriginal Australians including how they lived, what their homes were like, what they ate and what religious festivals and ceremonies they had. This will link to Art as children will be making their own Aboriginal artwork of a chosen animal and will be making their own didgeridoos.

There will also be opportunities for Geography as children will use their knowledge of materials and their previous knowledge from the Great Fire of London topic to investigate why wildfires are so common in Australia. They will also be learning about animals and their habitats, discovering what habitats Australia has and which animals live there.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 12th June- Phonics Screening Check

Wednesday 14th June, 5th July- Library van

Friday 30th June- Sports Day

Monday 3rd July- Transition Week

Thursday 13th July- Parents Evening

Friday 21st July-Break up for Summer Holiday

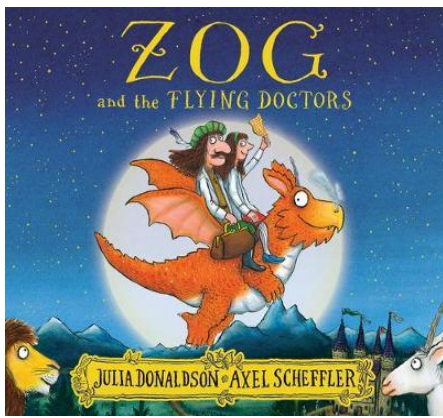


P.E

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 Wednesday.



Literacy and Phonics

In Literacy we will be continuing to develop phonics skills that will be applied in reading and writing. Our text focus for this half term is 'Zog and the Flying Doctors'. This story allows the children to build on their understanding of the characters by making inferences on how they have changed compared to the story 'Zog'. In addition, this story provides opportunities for children to use adjectives to describe new characters, as well as using story openers and endings to write their own short narratives. The children will also be learning to extend their sentences using 'and'.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we will begin the term by recapping addition and subtraction and how to use complex methods such as partitioning to solve calculations, in preparation for Year 2. We will also be applying this knowledge to solve word problems in real life contexts. Following on from this, we will be recapping multiplication and division and how to solve calculations using arrays, repeated addition, grouping and sharing. Year 1 will also be recapping time with a focus on recognising days of the week and months of the year in order to read and use dates. In addition, we will be learning about fractions, recognising halves and quarters of objects, shapes and amounts and will be using this knowledge to solve real life problems. To finish the term Year 1 will be describing and sorting 2D and 3D shapes.

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 at the school gate 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 a.m - 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. They 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's Purple Mash homework will be marked by Miss Stone or Miss Millward.

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.