



How to Help at Home



We would like to thank you for your support at home so far this year. This term, your child will continue to receive a reading book which can be changed as much as your child requires. We would like to remind you that there is a box in our classroom for your child to place it in once they have finished and we aim for children to receive a new one by the end of the day. When reading with your child, you can help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions about the story. For example, these could be about the events in the story, the characters and making predictions.

Children continue to have a weekly spelling quiz and it is important that they practise writing these words at home. The words in the quiz will follow a spelling pattern taught to the children that week. They will also receive a red word (common exception word). Please feel free to use the spelling practice sheets provided outside the classroom doors.

Special Requests

- Please bring your child's PE kit at the start of each half term so children are prepared for each lesson. We will send these home for the half term holidays.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school.
- Reading diaries and reading books need to be brought to school everyday.
- Please label all your child's uniform and PE kit.
- As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child has a sun hat and has sun cream applied before school, if appropriate.



Dates for the Diary



Friday 10th May - Non-uniform day
 Monday 13th - Friday 17th May - Assessment Week in school
 Monday 20th May - Friday 24th May - Walk to School week
 Friday 24th May - Gateshead Go Run for Fun
 Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - May half term
 Monday 3rd June - School training day (Back to school Tuesday 4th June)
 Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June - Phonics Screening week
 Monday 24th June - KS1 Sports Day
 Tuesday 25th June - Quadkids athletics at Kingsmeadow
 Thursday 27th June - Big Sing for Mini Singers at Sage Gateshead
 Friday 12th July - School Summer Fayre
 Thursday 18th July - Last day of term



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cowan, Miss Bunce, Mrs Rippon or Mrs Neve.

Curriculum Overview



Year 1



Summer Term



Welcome



Wow! We can't believe it is our last term in Year One! We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead! We would like to thank you again for your continued support.



English Overview



This term children will continue to learn English through our highly successful Read, Write, Inc. programme, along with daily English lessons based around some highly enjoyable story books and cross-curricular texts.

Reading - This term, we will be continuing to help your child develop their phonics skills so that they can continue building up their love of reading a wider range of texts. This will help us prepare for the Phonics Screening which will be taking place in June. We will also be reinforcing to the children how to read alien words (nonsense words) as well as consolidating the sounds taught in lessons.

Writing - We will continue to develop children's knowledge and use punctuation, vocabulary and conjunctions through activities such as writing stories about castles and the people that live there, i.e. The Paper Bag Princess, The Kiss That Missed and information writing about castles and their purposes. In addition, your child will also be developing their use of suffixes (word endings) -s, -es, -ed, -ing, -er and -est.



Maths Overview



This term we will be learning the beginnings of multiplication and division and understanding that this involves **equal** groups. We will be continuing to use concrete apparatus to help your child embed the principles and to ensure they have a deeper understanding of these concepts.

We will also be learning to find halves and quarters of shapes and numbers, leading on to making half and quarter turns when learning about position, direction and movement. Any practice of this concept you can do at home would be very helpful as it can be a difficult concept for young children to grasp.

Later in the term, we will be learning to read the time for o'clock and half past times and drawing the hands on a clock to show these. Learning to recognise the different notes and coins in the UK, and applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction to money, will also feature a little later in the term.



Science Overview



During the Summer Term, your child will continue to learn about materials. Children will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, metal, water and rock. They will also describe their physical properties and group them together by these.

Later in the term, children will gain a knowledge of a plants. Your child will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will also look at the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. We will also continue to observe the different weather and discuss the length of daylight during each season.



Our Curriculum



RE: We will be continuing to study Christianity this term and will explore artefacts that are important to Christians. Children will also learn about symbolic actions and ceremonies in which special moments in the life cycle are marked, e.g. baptism and marriage.

History /Geography: The first half term will be spent studying History. Children will learn about important monarchs of the past, including King Henry VIII, and will be able to recount episodes from stories about the past. Children will continue to develop their knowledge of chronology and, through stories studied in English, children will be encouraged to distinguish between fact and fiction. They will also use sources to help them answer simple historical questions. For the second half of the term, children will study Geography, which will be focused on our local area. Children will learn the terms human and physical features and be encouraged to identify these. Hoping to take advantage of the warmer weather, we will go on local walks and observe and record our findings, such as how many bus stops, traffic lights etc. we can find. Children will then use these, as well as aerial photographs, to create a 3D map of Dunston.

Art / Music / DT: This term, children will be exploring printing in Art. They will begin by experimenting with making marks in print using a variety of objects, including natural and man-made objects. Your child will study the artist Andy Warhol and create a piece of art in his style of printing. In DT, we will be linking our Geography understanding of maps to help us create a 3D aerial map of Dunston. Children will plan it to a given criteria, make it using a variety of tools and materials, and then evaluate their final work. In Music, children will be taught to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs linked to journeys in preparation for our Big Sing for Mini Singers at Sage Gateshead. Children will also listen to a range of live and recorded music.

Computing: Children will develop their knowledge of directional vocabulary and use this to create an algorithm (set of instructions) to make things move on screen.

PE: This term, your child will have PE every Monday and Tuesday. On a Monday your child will develop their ability to play outdoor games. Every Tuesday they will have Happy Feet develop their dancing.



Creative Homework



We hope that the Creative Homework tasks your children can choose from are activities you can all enjoy being involved in. We would like to thank you for all of your support with homework so far this year and we love to see all the wonderful work your children do! Children have regular progress checks which are found on the bottom of the task sheet and we look forward to them sharing their work with the class during these checks. We hope as many children as possible receive a certificate for their hard work!



Out and About



This term we will be arranging an educational visit linked to our History topic 'Kings, Queens and Castles'.

We will also be doing lots of work in our local environment linked to our Geography and DT lessons.

Later in term, we will be taking part in this year's Big Sing for Mini Singers at Sage Gateshead.