

# Year 1 Class Newsletter

## Term 2



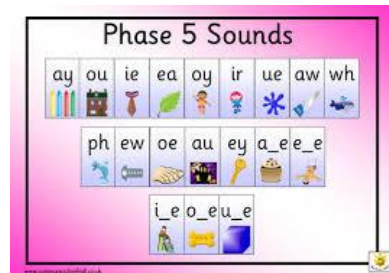
Welcome to Term 2. I hope that you all had a lovely restful break and are looking forward to another busy term in school.

### English

Our English lessons this term will be based on the books 'Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam', 'Cinderella', 'The Queen's Hat' and 'There's a Lion in My Cornflakes'. The children will be completing a range of reading, writing and drama activities based around these books.

Spelling Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) lessons this term will cover how to correctly use capital letters, full stops and question marks.

This term, the children will be moving onto phase 5 phonics. In Term 6, all Year 1 children across the country will complete a screening check which will check children's phonic ability to read 40 real and fake words - more information will be available about this nearer the time. Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. Please be aware that spellings will be tested in a random order - not the order written on the sheet; this prevents children from learning the order rather than actually learning the spelling of the word.



### Maths

This term, our maths lessons will focus on addition and subtraction facts and problems up to 20; telling the time to o'clock and half past; naming, describing and classifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes; recognising, writing and shading half of an amount and a shape. Children will become increasingly more confident in using a range of methods and equipment to help them reach answers and solve problems.



Over the year, the children will be learning their number bonds to 10, 20 and counting in steps of 2's, 5's and 10's.



### Science

Our science this term will focus on the unit 'working scientifically' children will be conducting a range of scientific experiments and investigations. Children will learn how to set up, observe and record results from an investigation. Children will also explore 'materials', they will be able to name a range of materials, discuss their properties, state where they would be found and carry out an experiment using different materials. Miss Williams will be teaching science this term. Please could the children bring in some materials from home to help with the science experiments such as jars, cardboard boxes, tins, plastic bottles, bubble wrap and fabrics.



### PE

This term, our PE lessons will be on a Friday. Each Friday, **the children should come to school in their PE kit, which they will stay in all day.** Please make sure that your child is wearing a suitable PE kit for the weather that day, such as a t-shirt, shorts and trainers for warm and sunny weather, or a tracksuit and trainers for colder weather.

**Computing** - This term is all about 'programming toys'. In addition to revising children's basic computer skills (e.g - using a mouse, typing and locating applications), the children will be learning about using the application 'Scratch'. Creating their own character, children will be setting up instructions while adding music and special effects to their characters.



**Design Technology** - in DT this term, children will be researching, designing, making and evaluating their own buildings and homes using junk modelling (if you have any items that may help with this project such as cereal boxes, please bring them in).

**Geography** - This term's history is all about our local area. The children will explore what there is in the area of Nythe, look at maps, recognise and describe the meanings of symbols and name the 4 compass points. Miss Williams will be teaching Geography this term.

**Music** - Children will be learning a range of traditional Christmas carols alongside using our music teaching resource 'Charanga', children will begin to learn how to play simple notes and follow notation using the glockenspiels.



**RE** - Following on from last term, the children will continue to find out about the big question 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?' and learning about the Christian Nativity Story.



**PSHE** - our mascot for this term is the 'Respectful Raven' alongside exploring the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. In PSHE, following our Jigsaw PSHE scheme, children will be looking at the unit 'Celebrating Differences'.

### Reading

Reading is an important part of the curriculum and, as such, we believe that continuing to read with your child daily can improve their reading skills significantly. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you could read with your child as often as possible. This does not have to be your child reading to you, it could include sharing a book and discussing the content, as this helps tremendously with comprehension.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading record to school each day so that we can also record when we have heard them read. Reading books will be changed each Friday.

### Homework

Children will continue to receive the following homework weekly:

- Spellings
- Reading
- Times Tables - Rockstars (2's, 5's and 10's)

In addition to this, there will be optional homework that can be completed in relation to the work we are doing in school. This can be handed in at any time during the term. The following are a list of ideas for your child to choose from:

- Play phase 4 and 5 games on the phonics play website.
- Download the Teach My Monster to read app and play the phonics games.
- Visit a different area to Swindon and write about it / take photos / draw a map.
- Make a model using a range of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Write a timetable of your day, draw a clock by the side of each and draw the hands on it to show me what time you started each activity.
- Conduct your own science experiment at home; take photos!
- Make a stained glass window like the one you would find in a traditional church.
- Write a book review about a book you have read recently.
- Practise typing and improving your basic computer and ipad skills.
- Practise writing your spellings using cursive handwriting.
- Download the scratch junior software / app on your tablet or laptop.

Remember, if at any time you have any concerns about your child; please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment to see me. Please ensure all children's clothes (including PE kits and water bottles) are labelled.

With best wishes, Mr Conlan