

# Year 1 Summer 1 Newsletter

## Miss Jeffreys and Miss Allad

### April – May 2025



Welcome back after the holidays! We hope you've had a good rest and we know that lots of you will have recently celebrated Easter and we hope you had a wonderful time doing so. We thank you for your continued support and the work you are doing with the children at home.

#### Writing

Our topic this half term will be 'Childhood' and the children are very excited about this. We will spend the first two weeks writing exciting descriptions for how to make paper dolls and then the remaining four weeks writing exciting adventure stories based on this term's text *The Paper Dolls* by Julia Donaldson.



#### Science

As part of our science learning, we will also be exploring our bodies and our senses. We would love it if you could provide a photo of your child from when they were a baby or toddler so we can observe any changes. Photos can be handed directly to us on the door or sent on Class Dojo with your child's name and class clear for us to see please.

#### Reading

Books will continue to be changed on a weekly basis. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book to school **every day**, as the children will be read with during school time.

***Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign their planner. This is now so important as we build up to preparing for the Phonics Screening Check in June.***

#### Maths

In maths, the children will move on to counting in multiples. We will begin by counting in 2s then move on to counting in 10s and 5s. Practising number bonds to 10 and doubles are a really useful way to help your child cement their maths knowledge. Hit The Button and other fun games are available on the Top Marks website.

#### PE

PE kits are to be worn all day on PE days only. Check the signs on your child's classroom door to confirm which day your child has PE. Please make sure appropriate trainers are provided if not already in school. If your child attends KS1 dance club it is also important they bring clothes to change into for the club on a Monday.

*Mae Jemison Class: PE days are on Tuesday and Friday*  
*Oliver Jeffers Class: PE days are on Tuesday and Thursday*

#### Other information

##### Key dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday, **school closed**  
30th April- Phonics Workshop for Year 1  
13th May- Vesak Day  
Summer 1 finishes - Friday 23rd May

Monday afternoon is Miss Jeffreys and Miss Allad's PPA time, so in this time Miss Buchanan and Mrs Newbury will be teaching.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch by speaking directly to us on the door or contacting us via Class Dojo

The Year 1 Team

##### Homework

Homework is shared via Class Dojo each Friday. Homework is entirely optional but we usually have an excellent uptake so thank you for working so hard to support your children at home. All homework is set on IXL, logins can be found at the front of your child's planner.

**You can help by:**

At the end of Year 1 children should know all of their Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 phonics sounds.

Please practise these at home with your child regularly using the video links below or typing Set 1 and 2 or 3 RWI sounds into Youtube. If you need any support accessing this, please consult your child's class teacher.

Set 1 pure sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6OiU2h3sUI>

Set 2 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7hRbrpq5Bo>

Set 3 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2o2b7nL1jrg>

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them, as they have been carefully matched to the reading level.

Here is a useful list of the 100 high frequency words. Please help your child to read and spell as many of these words as possible: <https://www.highfrequencywords.org/hfw100fp.pdf>

Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>