

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term

The children have been amazing this term both at school and at home. Despite all the challenges, they have engaged with their learning and have achieved! We are looking forward to our new and exciting topics next half term. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff from Year 1. We are always happy to help.

LITERACY

This term we will be reading the books: The Night Box and Orion and the Dark. We will be using these books to focus on creating our own poetry and fantasy narrative.

We will also be learning to apply a wide range of adjectives, verbs and conjunctions to our writing to make it sound exciting and interesting.

Children's work will be celebrated both at school and at home through positive feedback.

Key vocabulary:

adjective	punctuation
verb	fantasy senses
poetry	problem

Mathematics

This half term, we will be having in-depth discussions to introduce the different mathematical concepts for Year 1.

We will be learning about length and height. We will be using both non-standard and standard units of measurements in order to measure a variety of different objects. We will also be comparing a range of different objects in length and height and identifying the tallest and smallest.

We will also be learning about weight and volume. We will be using the weighing scales to compare the weight of different items and having in depth discussions.

Key vocabulary

weight	volume
length	height
standard	non-standard units
heaviest	lightest
taller	shorter centimetres



SCIENCE

This half term in Science we will be looking at 'Polar Places' and seasonal changes. We will be looking closely at how the weather changes within each season.

Key Vocabulary:

weather	season
Spring	Summer
Autumn	Winter
observe	



Phonics!

In Year 1, we have a big focus on Phonics!

This term we will be looking at alternative graphemes for the same sound. We will also be looking at identifying split digraphs hiding within words.

A digraph is two letters that make one Sound. E.g. 'ai'

A trigraph is three letters within a word that make one sound. E.g. 'igh'

A split digraph is where there is another letter in between the digraph.

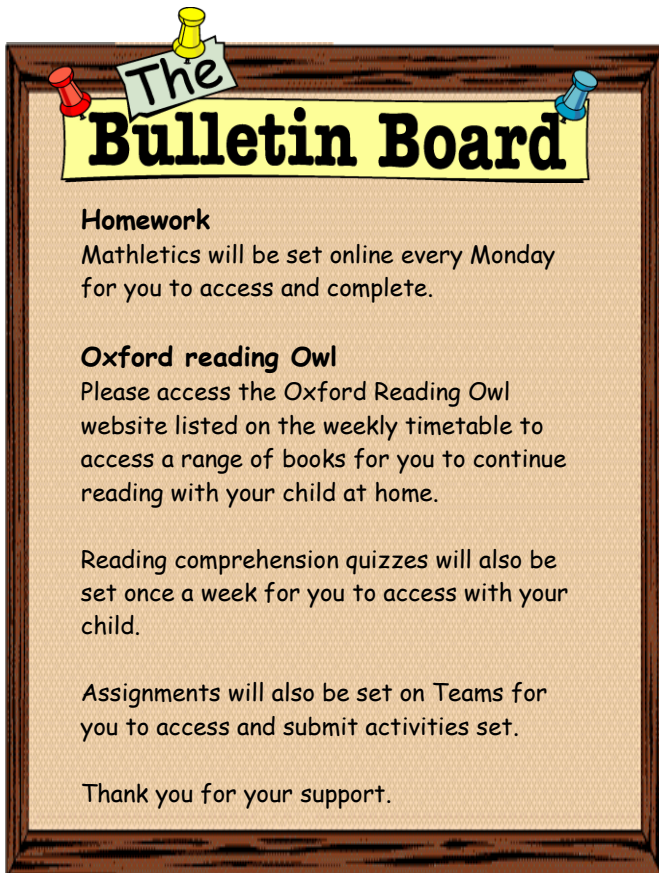


Other Curriculum Areas

PE - This term, we will be focusing on invasion games such as hockey. The purpose of these games are to develop team building skills.

PSHE - This term, we will be learning about how we belong to a variety of different communities such as school and clubs.

Computing - This term, we will be using the computers to continue to learn to access our Microsoft Teams accounts and create wonderful pictures using paint.



The Bulletin Board

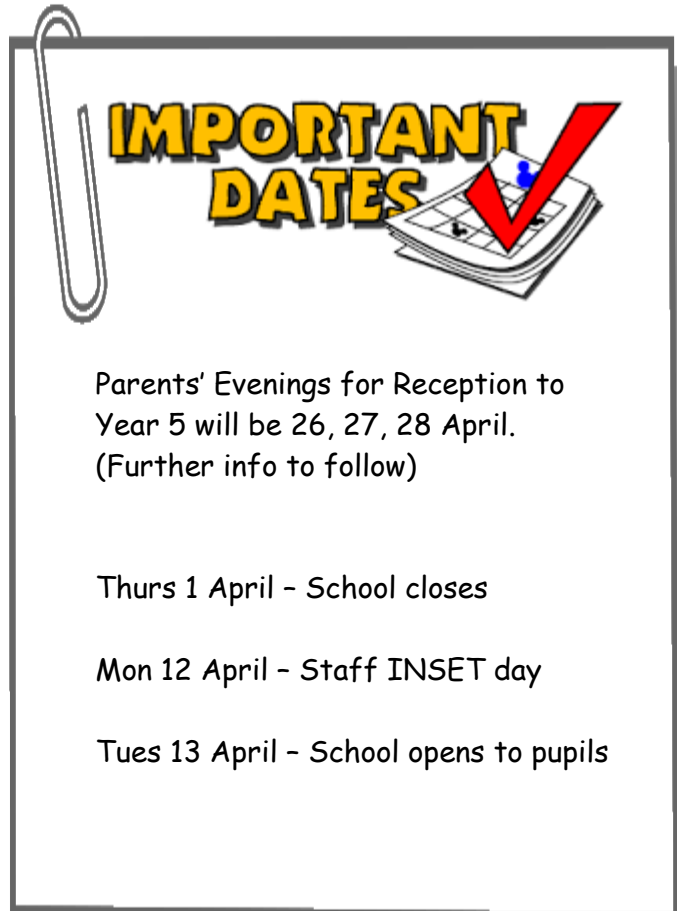
Homework
Mathletics will be set online every Monday for you to access and complete.

Oxford reading Owl
Please access the Oxford Reading Owl website listed on the weekly timetable to access a range of books for you to continue reading with your child at home.

Reading comprehension quizzes will also be set once a week for you to access with your child.

Assignments will also be set on Teams for you to access and submit activities set.

Thank you for your support.



IMPORTANT DATES

Parents' Evenings for Reception to Year 5 will be 26, 27, 28 April.
(Further info to follow)

Thurs 1 April - School closes

Mon 12 April - Staff INSET day

Tues 13 April - School opens to pupils

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

E-safety link: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>





It's time to find out about
**Wonderful
Weather!**



How does the weather affect us?

We will be learning about seasonal weather patterns in the United Kingdom and how the weather can affect what we wear. We will also be learning to identify what the four different seasons of a year are.



Forecasting the weather?

Year 1 will be recording the weather each day. We will also be watching how the weather is forecast on television and identify words we can use to describe the weather.

Hot and Cold Countries.

We will also be learning to identify where both hot and cold countries are, on a globe or map of the world. We will be learning to understand what the weather is like in hot and cold countries and how the equator affects how warm a country is.

