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## Academy Status

*Head Teacher: Mrs K. Pope, B.Ed. (Hons)*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. We are looking forward to another brilliant term with your children. This term's whole school value is 'Compassion', which we will learn more about in our class services, as well as in the classroom.

### What will we be learning about in Summer Term 1?

- In English, we will be writing Riddles and innovating a familiar story.
- In maths, we will be learning about multiplication, division and fractions.
- In science, we will be learning about how plants grow.
- In RE, we will be continuing with the question, 'Who is Jewish and how do we know?'
- In computing, we will be learning about digital writing.
- In history, we will be studying the history of our local area.
- In PSHE, we will be considering our 'Relationships with others'.
- In music, we will be learning and performing the song 'Your imagination'.
- In art, we will be creating and painting seascapes.
- In P.E, we will be focusing on our Invasion and Fitness skills.

### Reading and homework

Books will continue to be changed weekly. When your child has read to you at home, please ensure you write the title of the book and a comment in the reading diary, as before. If you don't write the title with a tick or comment, we will assume that you haven't had time to read it and want it left in the book bag for you to read another time. Please remember to continue to read with your child at least four times a week. This supports their reading fluency and accuracy well.

### Numbots

Please also encourage your child to practise their number skills at least three times per week using the NumBots app. It is very helpful in improving their number sense and mental maths skills. The children love to be awarded with their certificates on a Friday during services.

### Phonics

Year One will continue to revisit and revise our alternative graphemes for phase 5. Please continue to practise these at home. On the following page is a list of useful resources which you can access online at home to support your child and help prepare them for the phonics screening check in June.



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[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/)

a very good selection of interactive games focussing on phonics and sentence construction. Each is split into medium/hard/really hard and are short and fun.

[www.ictgames.com/literacy.html](http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html)

a great selection of games that link well with games in Letters and Sounds.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

a selection of interactive games for all phonic phases. Mostly simple games.

## P.E. kits

P.E. lessons will continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons this term. However, please ensure your child has a named PE kit (with shorts, house t-shirt, black daps and baseball cap) in school every day. PE kits can remain in school throughout the term and be taken home at the end of every half term for a freshen up.

## Name labelling reminders

Please check your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled before sending things into school. It is very helpful for the children's independence and organisational skills if they can recognise their possessions clearly.

## Sun hats, sun cream and water bottles

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle and sun hat every day. Also, please apply sun cream to your child before coming to school as staff are unable to do so when in school. This will ensure your child has sun protection throughout the school day.

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact us using the school office email addresses.

We are looking forward to an excellent term with the children.

Best wishes,

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