

SummerTerm



Dear Children and Parents of Year 1,

I can't believe it is the summer term already, this year has flown by and I am so proud of the whole class for how hard they have worked, and how far they have come over the past two terms. I'm sure you are too.

We have a very exciting and busy term ahead, with a lot still to learn to get the children ready for year 2. We have high expectations for the children, and will be encouraging hard thinking from them all. This really is their opportunity to show us what they have learnt this year and we will continue to support them to do the very best they can.

But there is plenty of fun to be had too, with a special event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, an Enrichment Week, which includes Sports Day, and a class trip towards the end of the summer term - watch this space for more details!

But back to learning for now... below you will find some details on what we will be covering this term:

English Reading

The texts we will be basing our English Reading learning on this term are as follows:

- There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom by James Sellick
- And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
- The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright
- The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali

English Writing

Our English writing this term will be focussed on the below themes:

- Recount from Personal Experience
- Informal Letters
- Poetry on a theme of Nature
- Setting Descriptions
- Poetry, Pattern & Rhyme

Reading

We encourage the children to read as often as possible to develop their fluency, pace and love of reading. We will send a book home with the children each week, changing it on a Monday and/or a Friday when they have finished reading them. Please read at home as often as you can. We recommend you read each book two or three times, which really helps your child's learning of tricky words and fluency.






Please use the white reading record to record whatever and whenever your child reads at home. If you are able to send your child's book in each day we can also record when your child reads with an adult in school, as this takes place throughout the week. We aim to read with each child individually at least once a week.

This term we will also be inviting children to choose a book to take home from our class library on a Friday. These books will not be fully decodable to the children yet, so we do not expect them to read them themselves, but hopefully they will enjoy sharing them with you. Please enjoy reading these together and return them each Friday to swap for another book.

We also have a daily 'Love of Reading' story time every afternoon, which the children vote on from a choice of two each day.

Please see below some recommended books for you to read at home with your children in addition to the school books. These are all available to borrow from Kedington library, or to purchase from Amazon. Please do record in your child's reading record if you read any of these books and I will add a special sticker for each book read, with a 'Love of Reading' certificate if you complete them all!

Recommended reading books for home:

	<p>The Emperor of Absurdia by Chris Riddell</p> <p>A wonderfully illustrated fantasy story about a strange world of wardrobe monsters, snoring fish, with a clever twist ending.</p>
	<p>The Pocket Chaotic by Ziggy Hanaor and Daniel Gray-Barnett</p> <p>A charming and well-crafted picture book story about Alexander, a joey who lives in his kangaroo mother Nancy's pocket, his quest for order and tidiness, and his ultimate independence. There's a lot to discuss here with themes of organisation, self-reliance and living with other people. With vibrant and florescent illustrations, this is a great book for reluctant readers in year 1, and also to read to classes in KS1, particularly at the start of a new school year.</p>
	<p>Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman</p> <p>A stunning modern fable with vibrant illustrations. Cinnamon is a mysterious princess who has pearls for eyes, cannot see and does not speak. While many people try to help her, but none succeed – until a fearsome tiger befriends her and changes her life forever.</p>
	<p>I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt</p> <p>A hysterically funny book about worms and the amazing adventures which the writer invites the reader to imagine. A clever picture book which is good for reading again and again.</p>
	<p>What to do if an Elephant Stands on your Foot by Michelle Robinson</p> <p>A clever book with a twist on every page. With very funny situations and illustrations, this book is ideal for reading with voices.</p>

Phonics

The school have now introduced our new phonics scheme, SoundsWrite, which is proven to have great success in supporting children to read and write. We will be working hard at our phonics in preparation for the Year One Phonics Screening Test, which takes place at the start of the second half of the summer term.

Maths

We are continuing to follow Maths Mastery for our Maths learning this term. This encourages children to think hard about maths and we use a range of eqptment, such as blocks, bread strings and Deines to support them.

During the first half of the term we are learning about numbers 50 to 100 and beyond, addition and subtraction within 100 and money. We will then be introducing multiplication and division and measuring using capacity and volume.

Curriculum Subjects

In **Science** our topic for the first half of the summer term is Plants including Trees, we will then be revisiting and solidifying our learning from the topics we have covered already this year.

In **Geography** we will be studying Mapping & Fieldwork, where we will be looking at what a map is, how maps show what a place is like and how to make our own maps.

In **History** we will be continuing to look at The Lives of Significant People, focussing on the space explorers Neil Armstrong, Mae Jameson, Bernard Harris Jr and Tim Peake.

Other subject overview

In **Music** we will be looking at pitch and tempo with a fun superhero theme, followed by vocal and body sounds with a theme of 'By the Sea'.

In **RE** we will be continuing to learn about Judaism, focussing on Shabbat for the first half of the term, then Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the second half of the term.

In **PSHE** we will start the summer term by learning about making healthy choices and looking after our bodies in our 'Healthy Me' topic, then we will move onto the 'Changing Me' topic, where we will learn about our growing and changing bodies.

In **Computing** our topic across the summer term is 'Rocket to the Moon', where we will be using word processing programmes to write lists and finish by building an actual rocket!

PE routines & PE kit expectations

For this term, Hedgehog class will continue to have PE with Premier Sport on a **Wednesday morning**. Please continue to send children in PE kit on a Wednesday for the whole day.

We will also continue to have our second PE session on a **Thursday afternoon**. This will be on the field as long as the weather is dry (and in the hall if not). So, on Thursdays please continue to send children in to school wearing school uniform but with their PE kits labelled in a bag. They will change into their PE kit after lunch but remain in them until home time.

Children need to have the correct school PE kit uniform, as in accordance with our uniform policy. With both PE sessions being outside and the unpredictability of the British weather, please make sure children have both a t-shirt and a jumper.

Playtimes

Where possible all playtimes will be on the field. As the weather (hopefully!) gets warmer please ensure you put sunscreen on your children before they come to school and make sure they have a hat to wear.

Homework

Please continue to read with your children every day, even if it is just for a short time. This will improve their fluency and will lead to a greater comprehension of the books they encounter both at home and at school.

I'm really looking forward to spending this final term with 'Team Hedgehog' and helping them finish this school year on a real high.

As always, if you have any queries, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can message me on class dojo or by email at khurst@wickhambrookschool.co.uk.

Best wishes and thank you in anticipation your continued support

Mrs Hurst