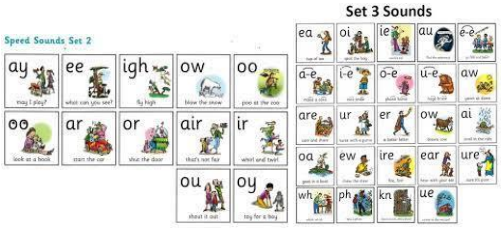
Year 1 Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter

We are absolutely thrilled with the progress all the children are making and most importantly how much they have grown over the year so far. We can hardly believe we are entering the final term already!

Reading and Phonics

We are so proud with the wonderful home reading routines that are now in place and we can really see what a difference this is making to your child's fluency. Thank you so much for your support with this.

All the children's sound knowledge is progressing well which is fantastic. In June, there is a Phonics Screening check which tests children's ability to Fred talk words to read them. We will send some information out about this in due course, and we will continue to track your children's progress – making you aware if we have any concerns about their progress.



Children will continue to receive a 'Book to Share' to enjoy listening to – the children seem to really enjoy choosing their books and recommending books they have liked to their friends.

Maths

It is great to know how much the children enjoyed their maths homework and that they were able to demonstrate the fluency skills that we are working on in class.

We continue to work with numbers up to 100 and understanding their place value. We will also learn about multiplication this term – however it looks quite different in Year One! Children mainly need to be able to count forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10.

We will also begin to learn to tell the time – reading the time to o'clock and half past. As well as learning about money – recognising coins and making amounts. Any support at home with these skills will really help to embed the learning at home.

Topic

Our topic this half term is Geography. We will be learning about the capital cities of the UK and looking at the features of London in detail. We will compare London to Newport. We will use maps to think about location and position of the cities.

Next half term our History topic will be 'Great Fire of London'. We will learn about what happened and the reasons why. This is a wonderful topic that the children always enjoy!

In 'art' our focus will be sculpture. We will practice using paper in different ways to construct our own paper sculpture.

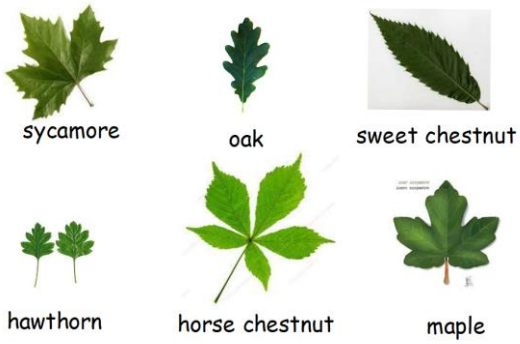
Science

We will be studying 'plants'. We will learn about the parts of plants and observe a plant bean grow. We will conduct a lovely art project where we observe and draw different spring flowers.

We would like to set the children **a 'Leaf Explorer'** challenge this term.

The National Curriculum requires for children in Year One to be able to recognize and name common trees by their leaves. In school, we will use our Forest school area to help us with this objective and do some lovely activities such as leaf rubbing and observational drawing.

We have selected some trees and leaves we would like the children to know by the end of Year One. If you are able to help support this at home when out and about or on walks, that would be wonderful. At the end of term we will give out some 'Leaf Explorer' certificates for any child that can name all of the leaves!



Key Information

On Monday 24th June, Year One will be visiting the Exotic Zoo in Telford. This will support our Science topic from last term where we learnt about the different features of animals and what they eat. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see a variety of animals up close!

Specific details and information will be sent out in a couple of weeks.

Finally

As always, we are available on the door at drop off or collection time, so if you ever have any questions, concerns or praise, please find us and we will be happy to help!