



# Year 1 News

A newsletter for the Dusky Dolphins and Spinner Dolphins

Summer Term 2025

Welcome back!  
We hope you all  
had a lovely Easter  
break.

Please come in to  
school to read with the  
children so that they  
make good progress in  
time for the Phonics  
Screening Test.

## SAVE THE DATE

7<sup>th</sup> May – Shoreham Library  
Trip  
09:15 Dusky Dolphins  
14:00 Spinner Dolphins

22<sup>nd</sup> May Recorder Concert  
15:00

11<sup>th</sup> June Phonic Screening  
Check

18<sup>th</sup> June- All year one  
children will be visiting Lewes  
Castle.

10<sup>th</sup> July - Celebration  
performance- more details  
to follow. TBC

## Curriculum

Please find curriculum  
information for all  
Year One subjects on  
the school website.

[St Nicolas and St Mary CE  
Primary School - Curriculum](#)

## Phonics Boot Camp

In preparation for the  
'Year 1 Phonics  
Screening' we will be  
holding 2 Phonics Boot  
Camps in the weeks  
beginning  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May and  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

We have lots of fun  
(hopefully outdoor)  
activities planned for the  
children.

If you have any spare time  
during this week please  
come in and read with the  
children so that they all  
make enough progress.

Please keep practising the  
special friends with your  
child and ask them to spot  
these when you are  
reading with them.

## Home Learning

Hearing your children read  
every day is vital for their  
confidence and progress at  
school. If your child is too tired  
to read in the evenings, you  
could try in the mornings or let  
them listen to a story on a  
device.

When reading with your child  
please encourage them to  
sound out unknown words using  
the 'special friends' they have  
learned at school (e.g. s-ou-n-d  
rather than s-o-u-n-d).

The 'Phonics Play' website has  
some great free phonics games  
to play at home with your child.

Also, playing the 'Teach Your  
Monster to Read' game is a  
really good way to help your  
child make rapid progress in  
reading.

Please check that you have  
labelled all your child's  
school clothes. This really  
saves adults a lot of time  
and saves things from  
getting lost!

## Outdoor PE

This term PE sessions will  
take place outside. Please  
ensure that your child  
has a pair of well-fitting  
plimsolls in their PE bag.

## Reminder

Please make sure your child  
has a water bottle in school  
every day.

Also, on hot and sunny days  
please apply sun-cream before  
drop off and make sure your  
child brings a hat to school.



# Our topics for this term



## Knights and Castles

**Science**  
Seasonal change  
Forces and Movement  
Plants  
Animals including Humans

**Maths**  
Developing mental strategies  
Addition and subtraction  
Introducing multiplication and division  
Measurement  
Properties of 2D and 3D shapes  
Position and direction  
  
As much as possible we will link our maths to our topic

**English**  
Information texts  
Poetry: poems on a theme  
Poetry: Pattern and rhyme  
Narrative: Stories about fantasy worlds

**Art and Design**  
Dragon pop up books  
Clay creatures

**RE (Religious Education)**  
Easter  
Introduction to Judaism  
Introduction to Islam.

**DT (Design Technology)**  
Dragon pop up books  
Making a trebuchet

**PE (Physical Education)**  
Outdoor ball skills  
Team Building activities.  
Running/ relay races  
Sports day

**PSHCE**  
Relationships  
Changes  
Friendships

**Digital Literacy and Computing**  
Saving and retrieving work  
We are TV chefs unit  
E-safety  
Making LEGO films

**Music**  
Listening to music from the medieval times and learning about the instruments used.  
Playing tuned and untuned percussion.

**History & Geography**  
Significant historical individual: St. George.  
Castles: Location/ purpose  
Traditional medieval foods