



Year 1 News

A newsletter for the Dusky Dolphins and Spinner Dolphins

Summer Term 2022

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



We are hoping to improve the area just outside the Year 1 classrooms with new play equipment. We have a limited budget for this so if you know of anyone who has good quality outdoor equipment they no longer need, please let us know.

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-o-u-n-d rather than s-o-u-n-d).

The '**Phonics Play**' website has some great 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 continue to complete the weekly home learning and practise the attached spellings. This is displayed on our Google Classroom page on Friday and should be handed in by the following Friday. If you need a printed out copy of the home learning please ask one of the Year 1 team.

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

Phonics Boot Camp

In preparation for the
'Year 1 Phonics
Screening' we will be
holding a Phonics Boot
Camp in the week
beginning Monday 9th May.

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.

As we will be outdoors a
lot during this time,
please make sure your
child has sun screen
applied before they come
to school.

Children are allowed to
bring a named bottle/tube
of sun screen in to school
if needed.

SAVE THE DATE

Both Dusky and Spinner
Dolphins will be visiting
Arundel castle on
Wednesday 29th June.
Parent helpers will be
needed. More information
to follow.

Unwanted toys, games,
etc

If you have any indoor
educational toys, non-
fiction books, dressing up
clothes, small character
figures or board games at
home that your children
no longer use they would
be gratefully received.

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



History & Geography

Significant historical individual:
St. George.
Castles: Location/ purpose
Traditional medieval foods

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

Castles and Dragons

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

Music

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

Digital Literacy and Computing

Saving and retrieving work
We are TV chefs unit
E-safety
Making LEGO films

PSHCE

Relationships
Changes
Friendships

PE (Physical Education)

Outdoor ball skills
Team Building activities.
Running/ relay races
Sports day