



Year 1 News

A newsletter for the Dusky Dolphins and Spinner Dolphins

Summer Term 2024

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

Curriculum

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

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 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 29th April.

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.

We are hoping to hold another Phonics Boot Camp week prior to the actual screening test in June.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Both Dusky and Spinner Dolphins will be visiting Arundel castle on Wednesday 5th June 2024. Parent helpers will be needed. More information to follow.

Unwanted toys, games, etc

If you have any indoor educational toys, non-fiction books or small character figures or maths 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



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

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

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