



# 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.

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

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

### 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.

## Phonics Boot Camp

In preparation for the  
'Year 1 Phonics  
Screening' we will be  
holding a Phonics Boot  
Camp in the week  
beginning  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### 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

### History & Geography

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

### 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