



BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing and chocolate-filled Easter and that you are looking forward to a sunny Summer Term!

Learning Challenge

This term our Learning Challenge is based around History and the question “**What did Mary Anning discover?**” You will be able to see the range of work we are covering on our attached topic plan. We are excited to also have planned in an ‘Adventurers Day’, where the children can come in dressed as an adventurer (in clothes suitable for outdoor and creative activities). During this themed day, we will be dinosaurs, fossils and being an explorer. **This day will be held on Tuesday 21st May.** If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Phonics Screening Test

In June, all Year 1 children will be taking the Phonics Screening Test. The test is made up of 40 words; 20 real and 20 ‘pseudo’ words (made-up words) and your child is required to read as many of them as they can using their phonic knowledge and skills. In order to help your child with their phonics please continue to practise reading words at home. We will be sending home alien words every Friday. If you have any questions about this test, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

PE

PE will take place weekly on a **Wednesday** afternoon this term. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and will stay in them all day. Please make sure their footwear is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE, and if it is a chilly day they will need a school jumper to wear as well. As always, we ask that long hair is tied back on these days and any earrings are either taken out or covered over with medical tape.

Reading

Please remember to try and read at least 3 times a week and it is helpful if you can record what they have read in their reading record. Children will continue to receive a new phonics reading book each week on **Monday**. Thank you for your continued support with this- it really does make such a difference to your child’s progress.

Homework Grid

Please find attached the homework grid for this half term. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in on Mondays and they will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. We will also display the homework in class. The homework for this half term can be done with a parent or other adult supporting them. Most importantly, have fun learning!

Reminders

- During this term, on warmer days please apply **sunscreen to your child before they come to school** to help keep them safe in the sun. **Sun hats** are also advised when the weather is warm.
- Please ensure your children's jumpers, cardigans and hats are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions please come and speak to your class teacher.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team