

Aycliffe Village Primary School

Year 1

Summer Newsletter 2018



Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Please read on for a summary of our learning this term:



Phonics phase 5

In preparation for the phonics screening test we will continue to revise and recall all Phase 2 and 3 phonemes. In addition to this, we will be working through Phase 5. In phase 5 alternative spellings of phonemes are introduced e.g. ay instead of ai, aw instead of or and split vowel sounds are learned e.g. the a_e in make or i_e in time.

We will also practise reading and spelling previously taught high frequency words and move on to read and spell two-syllable words. New words for this term that the children will learn to read and will be encouraged to spell are: oh, Mrs, Mr, people, their, could. They will also be learning to add -ed to common verbs e.g. looked, called, asked.

Topic



Our Geography topic for this term is Coastal areas. We will look at different features of Britain's coastlines and will focus on how we can look after them. We will think about ways people pollute our seas and how this affects the animals that live there.

Our History topic is a famous local person. As it is World Cup year, I have chosen Sir Bobby Robson, who was born in County Durham. We will not only look at his managerial and playing career but also the charity set up in his name.



Science

Initially, this term, we will be looking at *Seasonal Changes* that occur in sprung and compare these to what happened in Autumn and Winter. We will then move on to our topic *Plants*. We will be looking at how plants grow and look at the life cycle of plants.



PE

PE sessions are on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. This term Year 1 children will be taking part in athletics and ball games activities. Please ensure your child has a full, named PE kit in school (shirt, shorts, outdoor PE shoes, girls should have a soft bobble to tie their hair back).



Art /DT

Year 1 children create a lot of Art within the topic work we cover. As our topic is the seaside we will be creating different scenes using different techniques such as drawing, painting and collage.



RE/PSHE



Mrs Byrne will be teaching RE on a Tuesday morning in addition to French and music lessons. We have regular circle time activities in class at other times during the week.

ICT/Computing

We will be using the iPads to research and learning how to input information into computer programs then how to save.



We will also continue to look at using computers in a safe and responsible way.

You can support your child's learning:

Listen to them read regularly and ask questions about what they read. Help them sound out words and blend sounds e.g. for the word paint say p-ai-n-t

Highlight the split vowel digraph where it is found, if a word ends in e with a consonant before, it is probably a split vowel digraph. Don't let your child say t -i-m-e encourage them to say t -ie-m.

Please ensure reading books and reading records are in bags every day and write in reading records to let us know how your child is getting on with their reading at home.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Usually homework will be a maths task but might also include some research on a topic we are studying.

Many thanks

Mr J Underwood

Class Teacher

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