



# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



**TERM: SUMMER**

**DATE: APRIL 2021**

## Welcome back message from Class Teachers

We are so looking forward to this Summer Term with our lovely children. We plan to make this term as fun filled and jam packed as we possibly can and really enjoy being able to just be together! Our longer Fridays will allow us to have even more fun as we appreciate more than ever how much we love learning as a group together. Read on to find out a little more about what interesting learning we have to look forward to this term.

## English

All of our work in English supports the children in acquiring a wide vocabulary, an understanding of spelling punctuation and grammar and supports developing their reading, written and spoken language skills. Phonics will continue to be taught daily and spellings will be tested every Friday.

We will be reading 'One Day on Our Blue Planet... In the Savannah by Ella Bailey and using this book as a stimulus to work on our prediction and inference skills as well as creative writing, including writing a setting, description, poetry and non-fiction reports. We will then move on to our next book, 'How to Find Gold by Viviane Schwartz. We will use this text to support and inspire our writing including writing adventure stories, diary entries and creating a cartoon strip!

## Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing with addition and subtraction and consolidating our understanding of place value. We will be introducing multiplication and division as we count in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will also look at height and capacity. We will tell the time to quarter to and quarter past and will draw the hands on a clock to show these times. We continue to recognise and use language relating to time and dates including days of the week and months, years and seasons. We look at, and interpret, simple pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams. We will also solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction including money and giving change.

## Science

In Science we will be looking at Seasonal Changes and observing changes across the four seasons. Looking at and describing weather associated with the seasons and how day lengths varies.

We then move onto Materials. We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials. We will describe the simple physical properties and compare and group them on the basis of their simple physical properties.

## Humanities

In Geography we will be working our way around the globe looking at different animals that live on each of the continents.

In History, we will be looking at how transport has changed through time. We will particularly focus on trains and aeroplanes.

## PE

In PE our first topic will be Hit, Catch and Run! We will use a range of throwing and rolling skills to put the ball in space. To catch over short distance and to work collaboratively.

We move onto Run, jump and Throw. To run in a straight line at different speeds. To experience a variety of jumps, to throw a range of objects over a distance. To explore and refine basic agility, balance and coordination skills.

## Art/D&T

In Art we will be focussing on the artist Monet. We will begin to explore the use of line, shape and colour and work on different scales. The children will start to talk about and show their own ideas and say what they think of their artwork and the artwork of others.

In D&T we will be designing our own lunchboxes, we will base this around The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch story. We will be evaluating a product's ability to do a job well, to select and use tools and equipment to make a product and finally to use evaluations to make improvements.

## Music

Through our unit 'Your Imagination' we will begin to recognise styles, instruments and find the pulse of the music. Our first music style will be film and pop music.

After half term, we will be exploring Western Classical music and we will be focusing on pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo and dynamics.

We also have 'The Biggest Sing' to look forward to which was postponed from February.

## Computing

Purple Mash is our main teaching resource for Computing. This term we teach the children how to create a story, including how to add animations and sound to a story.

We then move onto coding. The children will understand what coding means in computing and create instructions like those required by a computer.

## PSHE

This term we will be learning about personal hygiene and the importance of looking after our bodies, including brushing our teeth, washing our hands/body regularly, wearing clean clothes and minimising the spread of germs.

We will discuss different types of family units and understand why everyone's family is special. We will also be learning about growing and changing as well as the difference between male and female bodies.

## Jewish Studies

We are looking forward to an action-packed term. The children will celebrate Yom Haatzmaut, in style with a plethora of fun-themed activities, an Israeli lunch and all dressed in blue and white. They will learn what the Omer is and celebrate Lag B'omer, with a customary "Teddy bear's picnic". In Hebrew reading, we will work on our vowels, reading more complex words and will build on becoming Aleph bet reading champs. Reading homework will continue to be set each week and must be submitted on Google Classroom by 8am on a Monday so you can receive more stickers. The children will learn about Shavuot by way of role play, baking, song and fun activities. Our topic will be Mitzvot we do with our bodies. The children will prepare for their Chaggigat Hasiddur show and will learn to navigate their new siddur.

## French

Our topics for this term are 'Animals' and 'I Can'. In 'Animals', we will learn the names of ten animals as well as how to write them in French. In our 'I Can' topic we will recognise some common French verbs and activities and begin to use them in a sentence by using je peux.

Some of the vocab we will learn:

Les animaux = The animals

Un mouton = A sheep

Un singe = A monkey

Un oiseau = A bird

Une vache = A cow

Je peux... = I am able

Parler = To talk

Manger = To eat

Écrire = To write

## Important dates this term

Autism Awareness week – w/c  
3rd May

Science Week – w/c 24th May

French day - 10th June

The Biggest Sing – 15th June

Money Week – w/c 14th June

Chaggigat Hasiddur - 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Sports Day - July TBC

## Reminders

Please ensure your child has their own tissues in their bag at all times.

## Homework

We allocate home readers twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday.

English and Maths homework alternate and will be on Google Classroom. They will be uploaded on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday.

Spellings go on Google Classroom on a Thursday for a test the following Friday.