

# Year 1/2 Newsletter – Summer 1

## Welcome

We're delighted to welcome you and your children back for another vibrant and engaging term. Over the next few weeks, pupils will be exploring a rich variety of new topics designed to spark their curiosity and build on the fantastic progress they've already made this year. This term, our learning will focus on strengthening core skills in English and mathematics, delving into fresh themes across our wider curriculum, and continuing to foster independence, resilience, and a genuine love of learning.

We're looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead, and we appreciate your continued support in helping your child thrive.

If you need to contact us, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with us via the office at [admin@seathorneprimaryacademy.org](mailto:admin@seathorneprimaryacademy.org)

The Year 1/2

## Phonics and Reading

This term we will continue learning our phonics and reading in our new groups. All children will continue to have phonics books and they will be read with 3 times a week. The new books will be issued on a Wednesday after our first read of the week.

We will also be reading a wide variety of texts within the classroom and will practice our skills such as retrieval, inference and explanation, finding evidence in the text to support our arguments.

Our class story next term is 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.



## Writing

In English, we will write sequences of sentences using *The Queen's Hat* by Steve Antony and *Seasons* by Hanna Pang as our core texts.

Our whole class reading this term will centre on *The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch* by Jacqueline Wilson, alongside regular comprehension lessons using a range of stories and poems such as *The Dinosaur Lady* and *Dinosaurs*. In guided reading, we will explore *The Jungle Disco* and *Planting Seeds* from our Comprehension Ninja scheme, as well as *What the Jackdaw Saw* from our No Outsiders collection.



## Maths

### Year 1

Year 1 will start this term by exploring numbers to 50 and then they will move onto length and height and mass and capacity. Year 1 will measure using non-standard measures such as cubes or other objects and will also measure using a ruler and will compare lengths.

### Year 2

Year 2 will focus on length and height, mass, capacity and temperature and then will move onto fractions towards the end of the term. Year 2 will measure in centimetres, meters, compare lengths and then use the four operations to answer word problems. They will also then measure with grams, kilograms, millimetres and litres.



## Science

We will be identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will also identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants and trees.

## Art

We will be creating simple three-dimensional shapes and structures using familiar materials. We will be manipulating paper and card - folding, rolling and scrunching these together to make exciting sculptures.

## History

We will be diving into our class timebox to revisit our exciting learning on toys. We will recall toys from the past and plot these dates on our class timeline.

## Music

We will be looking at how music tells a story. We will be exploring sounds, rehearsing and chanting a rap using musical instruments. We will be looking at how instruments can vary to create different sounds with a focus on keeping a steady beat.



## PE

We will be participating in team games and improving our running, throwing and catching skills through rounders as well as developing our co-ordination through Tennis.

**Kingfishers PE lessons are Monday and Tuesday**

**Ospreys PE lessons are Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Natterjack Toads PE lessons are Tuesday and Wednesday**

## PSHE

This term, we will be thinking about jealousy: recognising our own strengths but also how to deal with feels of jealousy. We will also discuss worry allowing pupils to identify what they can do and who they talk to if they feel worried about something.



## RE

We will be looking at places of worship and comparing these to the different religions. We will pay particular attention to the Buddhism and Judaism religions.

## Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for Key Stage 1 is a purple jumper or cardigan, white shirt or polo shirt with black/grey trousers/skirt and black shoes. Please remember PE kits on PE days.

Children are expected to read at home **daily**. Reading records should be brought into school every day for Dojo points to be awarded. These will be checked by an adult.

Dojo points will be given for home learning such as their reading or AR quizzes for Year 2.

Homework projects are optional, but children will be given dojo points on completion of this homework.





**Homework Projects**

**Maths:**

Can children complete some measuring at home with a ruler or a tape measure? If children are in Year 1 can they compare lengths of things by different objects (non-standard units of measure) such as pasta or cars.

**History:**

Can the children remember some information about our topic of toys from earlier this year? Can they talk to different family members about what toys they had when they were young. Could the children research old toys online or in a library?

**Science:**

What can children find out about different plants? What can they spot in their local environment or garden?



**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



**Times Tables Rockstars (Children in Year 2)**





**Year group information**

**Kingfishers**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Jackson (Mon-Thurs)  
Mrs Robinson (Fri)

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Parish, Miss Oakes, Mrs Farmer

**Ospreys**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Bartlett (Tues-Fri)  
Mrs Robinson (Mon)

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Farmer, Mrs Borrell

**Natterjack Toads**

**Class Teacher:** Miss Hill  
**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Miller

**Please remember to name your child’s school jumper or cardigan and that Key Stage 1 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt and white shirt/polo shirt**

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

**Dates for the diary!**

**Summer 1**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens to pupils
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Reading workshop
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Royal Shakespeare Company visiting yr3/4
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School closes for the half term holiday.
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School reopens to pupils.