

Year 1/2 Newsletter – Summer 2

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

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 them three 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.

We will continue our class story of 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.



Writing

In English, we will finish writing our independent story based on 'Giraffes Can't Dance' before moving on to our non-fiction Unit. In our non-fiction unit, we will be using the stories 'Meerkat Mail' and 'Meet the Meerkat' and we will be writing a non-chronological report. Children will be using their skills learnt during this unit to write their own non-chronological report based on giraffes.

Our No Outsiders texts this term will be 'Errol's Garden', where it explores the themes of creativity, community and a nurturing nature.



Maths

Year 1

Year 1 will start this term by continuing to learn about multiplication and division by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using this to answer problems. They will then move onto fractions where they will learn about the whole, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. Year 1 will also be exploring position and direction before finishing the year learning about numbers to 100 and money.

Year 2

Year 2 will continue to focus on fractions. When we get back from the half term break, we will learn about unit and non-unit fractions, recognising equivalent fractions of a half and two quarters and then recognising three quarters. Year 2 will then learn about time where they will tell the time at o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and then to the nearest 5 minutes. Near the end of the year, we will be working on problem solving, position and direction and statistics.



Science

We will be revisiting our topic of materials from the beginning of the year. We will be naming and exploring different types of materials, exploring what objects are made from, investigating their properties and finding out how we can compare and group them. Throughout the term, we will be working on our scientific enquiry skills.

DT

In DT this term, we will be learning through cooking and nutrition, and we will be making smoothies. We will explore the differences between fruits and vegetables. We will learn where they come from; how they are grown and we will practice our food preparation skills. We will then choose our ingredients for our own smoothie and will use a blender to create it.

History

We will be diving into our class timebox to revisit our exciting learning on Brunel. We will be revisiting who Isambard Kingdom Brunel was, why he was famous and we will be exploring his achievements. We will explore some of the structures he built and discuss why these were important for the time and why they are important in History.

Geography

We will continue to learn about our local area this term and we will be exploring what types of houses can be seen in our local area. We will also be exploring maps, looking at the different symbols on the map and the children will be creating their own maps.

Music

We will be focusing on some singing games and traditional polish dances. We will also be learning how to follow a changing beat and tempo as well as playing a percussion instrument.



PE

We will be learning athletics skills this term preparing for our sports day and we will also be working on team building during our PE lessons. Our sports day is Tuesday 16th June at 1:00pm-2:30pm (weather permitting).

Kingfishers PE lessons are Monday and Tuesday

Ospreys PE lessons are Wednesday and Thursday

Natterjack Toads PE lessons are Tuesday and Wednesday

PSHE

This term during PSHE, we will be exploring how to stay healthy through healthy eating. We will look at what healthy eating looks like, what do healthy choices look like and what might happen if we choose to eat too much unhealthy food. We will also look at how we stay safe while crossing the roads and when travelling in a vehicle.



RE

We will be exploring different worldviews in RE this term and continuing to find out what this means. We will continue to find out what their beliefs, values and practices are important in their worldviews.

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.

Our Sports Day this year is Tuesday 16th June 1:00pm-2:30pm (weather permitting) and children are allowed to wear a t-shirt the same colour as their House Team in school. All pupils will need a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream for the afternoon. There will be photo opportunities on the day but we ask to refrain from taking photos or videos during the race for safeguarding purposes.

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:

When children are eating their meals at home, can they cut their meals into different fractions?

Can children discuss position and direction when using their toys?

Can children create some of their own number sentences to answer?

Geography:

Can children use maps to explore their local area?

What types of houses can children spot around Skegness?

Science:

What materials can children spot around home?

Can they discuss why objects are made of certain materials?



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 1st June – School reopens to pupils

Tuesday 16th – Friday 19th June – Scholastic Book Fair in the hall.

Tuesday 16th June – Yr 1 and 2 Sports Day

Thursday 9th July – Transition Day

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day of this academic year.

Wednesday 2nd September – Welcome back for another exciting school year.