

Attendance:



Year 1 attendance is currently averaging at 95.4%. Please ensure your child attends school unless unwell. We have had a number of unauthorised absences this term. Our aim is to have 97% attendance.

Useful websites:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary-lower>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

FROG- Please visit the Year 1 Frog site for further information about our topic and the latest news.

Summer Term Dates

Wednesday 18th April - Reading curriculum Evening - 7-8pm

Friday 20th April - Progress Reports out to parents

Thursday 26th April - Parents Meeting

23rd May - Trip to Cannon park (tbc)

W/B 11th June - Phonic Screening Check

Friday 22nd June - Sports Day

Communication:

If you wish to email a year 1 teacher please email on the office@whitchurchfirst.harrow.sch.uk Alternatively you contact nvyas@whitchurchfirst.harrow.sch.uk and this will be forwarded to the appropriate teacher.

It is always advised that you speak to the class teacher at the end of the school day regarding any concerns or hand in a note in the morning.

Whitchurch

Primary School & Nursery

Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term Edition 1

2017-2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We trust you have had a relaxing Easter break and are refreshed and ready for the final full term of the school year. How time has quickly flown by!

There has been a very exciting start to the second half of the Spring Term which saw the children learn and perform some African singing playing to the beat of the African drums. We hope that you enjoyed watching the children as much as they did taking part. Book Week was also a great success culminating in World Book Day. The children looked fantastic in their character clothing and thoroughly enjoyed the activities which had been planned for them.

Parents' Evening falls within this term on the Thursday 26th April and we look forward to meeting with you all.

Mrs Vyas and The Year 1 Team

Summer 1 Topic - Secret Garden

Topic:

The children's topic this term is the *Secret Garden*. Their *Geography* lessons will focus on human and physical features, looking at maps and designing a map of the school using a key and simple compass directions. The children will visit the local Park and we will talk about Road safety and directions. We will link this to our Science and Art topics observing plants. Please take time to observe the change in seasons with your child and identify trees and plants on your daily journeys.

Maths:

This term the children will continue to consolidate their knowledge of the number system through the learning of addition and subtraction. In particular, they will need to learn to add three small numbers, spotting pairs to 10 and doubles to support their calculations. The children will begin to understand that $2/2=1$, $4/4=1$ and $2/4=1/2$ etc. They will recognise, name and know value of coins 1p-£2 and £5 and £10 notes; solving repeated addition problems using coins. Through on-going assessment and if we feel that the children are ready - they will begin to learn basic division, recognising the division operation and that division is the inverse of multiplication - *a thorough knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times table will be necessary for them to access this concept.*

Literacy:

The children will read two stories by Simon Bartram, *Man on the Moon* and *Dougal's Deep Sea Diary*. They look at the settings of the two stories, building their vocabulary, and use imaginative role play to explore the characters. The children will use the stories' structures (a day-in-the-life and diary) to retell the stories and write alternative tales about the characters. If time allows the children will then be introduced to a traditional tale from ancient India - *The Best of Friends*. They will compose and rehearse their own retelling of the story to a wider audience; evaluating and performing and reflecting on their learning.

The children's grammar will continue to focus on the purpose of punctuation. Full stops, question/exclamation marks and the concept of 'proper names & the personal pronoun I' will be revised during the course of the term.

Reading:

Reading will continue to focus on the teaching of phonics and guided reading sessions within these lessons. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read every day at home.

Science Week

The school celebrated National Science week in full force! Children were introduced to the week with a Science workshop and this was followed by a Science day of carousel activities across Year 1 and 2. Children enjoyed experimenting with bubbles, static energy, using senses, colouring mixing but to name a few of the activities. A huge well done to all the Children who completed their Science Projects and submitted Science competition posters!



Africa Day

Thank you to all the parents and families that were able to come and watch the Year 1 Performances. Children enjoyed learning and performing some singing, drumming and sharing their work from this term. They have enjoyed the topic and learnt lots of African facts!

