



Year 1 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Maney Hill for the summer term! ☺

The children have returned upbeat and enthusiastic for their final term in Year 1 with many exciting activities to look forward to.

Here is an outline of some of the things we will be focussing on:

English

In English, this term we will be looking at two books: *Secret Sky Garden* and *How Anansi Got His Stories*. Using these texts we will continue to cover key skills such as: using a range of suffixes and prefixes (-ing, -est, -er, -ed, un-), using 'and' to extend a sentence, using capital letters and full stops accurately and continuing to apply phonic knowledge to spell accurately. Throughout the term we will write in a variety of genres including:

- Recounts
- Non-chronological reports
- Poems

Maths

In Maths, this term we will be looking at fractions, where we will be learning to recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity. We will also be learning to recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity. In our time topic we will consolidate telling the time to o'clock and half past. We will be exploring multiplication where we will make connections between arrays, number patterns, and counting in twos, fives and tens. We will continue working on the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)

Science

Animals

For the first half term we will be looking at animals and the differences between them. We will identify, describe and compare a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Additionally, we will learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and will name a variety of common animals for each one.

Design Technology

After half term, we will move onto Design Technology (DT) in our Science lessons. Children will be planning, creating and evaluating their own cardboard box houses. So, if you have any shoeboxes at home please save them!

Topic

This term in topic we will explore the impact that significant individuals, such as Florence Nightingale, have had on our world.

In Computing lessons, we will learn about the technology around us and use computer software to make some beats.

P.E.

Our focus this term is on basketball, cricket and athletics. The children will also be doing orienteering to develop their problem solving and teamwork skills.

Children will also have regular R.E. lessons.

Key Dates: Tuesday 5th May, 1B Class Assembly

Homework and Spellings

- One piece of homework will continue to be sent home on **Friday**, to be returned the following **Wednesday**. Homework will usually alternate between English and Maths although a piece of Science or Topic may occasionally be sent out instead.
- The children will also continue to get spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Spellings will be set using Spelling Shed. New spellings will be available every Friday on edshed.com to practise alongside a weekly test. Not only does this help with spelling the words, but also puts the words into context, builds your child's vocabulary and develops their sentence structure.

Reading

- Each child should be reading frequently at home and children will have the opportunity to change their reading book on **Tuesday in 1R and Thursdays in 1B**. When reading at home, please try to ask your child questions about the book they are reading to ensure that they have a good understanding of it.
- Children will be read with regularly in school so it would be helpful if they had their reading book and record with them in school **every day**.

Thank you for all of your support so far this year. If any concerns or queries arise, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards, Miss Randall and Miss Mac Cann

