



Year 1 News

Summer 2

June 2026



Welcome back, Dragons class!

I hope we have all had a very restful half term and are ready for our final term in year 1.

Animals



Our focus book this half term is One Day on our Blue Planet in the Savannah by Ella Bailey. This is a great story about a day in the life of a lion.

In English we will be writing different pieces of writing using a variety of animal stories. Each day we will continue to have daily phonics lessons.

In Maths we will be looking at place value to 100 and learning about time.

Our Science will focus on animals and the different classifications.

In RE we will be thinking about the religion of Christianity and the beliefs associated.

In Geography, we will be learning about Nottingham and Africa, and comparing the two places.

In Computing sessions, we are going to be looking at programming and creating our own sequences using Scratch Jr.

In Art we will be creating our own animal themed pieces.

REMINDERS

PE will be on Friday.

Please remember to come to school in your PE kit including suitable footwear such as trainers in case we are outside.

(Plain T-shirt, plain Joggers and school cardigan/jumper).

Reading

Please continue to read at home as this is so important and helps children develop skills and a love of books. Please bring reading books and diaries to school every day.

Look at **MyMaths** for weekly challenges which link to our work in class and revise things done before.

Other key information and key dates for your diary:

Phonics screening – Week beginning 8th of June

Phonics Celebration Picnic
– 12th June

What can you do to support your child's learning?

- 1) Listen to them read. Discussing the books they have read. Log their reading in their reading diary.
- 2) Encourage them to use My Maths (and look at place value).
- 3) Help your child continue to learn their times tables and number bonds to 20.
- 4) Log into Spelling Shed and practice the weekly spellings.
 - ❖ Don't forget the Oxford Owl website has some great online reading activities and books to share.
 - ❖ Spelling lists are on Spelling Shed. Please help your child practice these as it really helps them become more confident with their reading and writing.

Contacting the Year 1 team

- We are at the classroom door at pick up times and are always happy to say hello or have a quick chat. Please keep messages at the start of the day brief because we now start phonics at 9am.
- Call the office to pass on a message or ask for a call back. 0115 9152953
- Follow us on the Class Dojo app, and keep an eye on the website for up-to-date information and key messages.



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