

Year 1 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back- how quickly the summer term has arrived! We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. We are beginning the term with our new topic 'Down at the bottom of the garden...', which will include reading Jack and the Beanstalk and Where the Wild Things Are. Below outlines the learning opportunities and objectives involved.

English

We will be:

- Enjoying listening to a variety of stories, rhymes, songs and poems.
- Consolidating our phase 5 phonics knowledge and reading alien words!
- Developing our use of suffixes when spelling. We will practise adding the endings 'ed', 'ing', 'er' and 'est'
- Using a range of punctuation; capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, question marks and exclamation marks.
- Writing descriptions, short stories and poetry.

Maths

We will be:

- Learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Making and adding equal groups.
- Making arrays and using these to multiply.
- Finding half of shapes and quantities.
- Finding a quarter of shapes and quantities.
- Learning place value up to 100
- Learning to tell the time
- Learning about position and direction
- Finding out about Money

Topic

Through our 'Down at the bottom of the garden...' topic the children will be exploring nature around them. In Science they will be finding out about common wild and garden plants and learning about the key parts of a plant. The children will also have opportunities to plant and care for their own plants. Our Geography learning this term will focus on our school and local area. The children will be plotting routes and using maps to explore the surrounding environment. In Computing, the children will be using the Chromebooks to compete digital writing. This will involve learning how to create and change text in Word. During our P.E. sessions we will continue to develop our skills through a range of athletics activities. The children will also have the opportunity to go to Forest School on a Friday.

- Your child will continue to bring home their Big Cat Little Wandle book each Wednesday to be returned on Monday. Please do continue to listen to your child read and enjoy celebrating their reading together!
- The children have their new learning log grids this term, they are encouraged to choose at least 4 activities to complete by the end of the term. These can be brought in to share on Thursdays.
- P.E will be on Wednesday and Forest School on a Friday. Please make sure children have suitable clothes appropriate for the weather. Also, please ensure all kit is named.
- Please remember if you have any questions or worries throughout the year, do feel free to pop a note in your child's contact book or come to talk to us at the end of the day. Our class email is: yearone@high-firs.kent.sch.uk

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