Year 1 | Summer Term 1, April 2025

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Miss Key and Miss Payne are pleased to welcome you back to the Summer Term. There is so much to look forward to this term, with the weather getting warmer we have even more opportunities to take learning outside and explore the outdoors. This term is only 5 weeks long but we have lots of exciting learning coming up!

Project

This term's Project is History focused. In this Project, 'Marvellous Motors', children will learn about the local legend, William Morris. Children will learn about his life – what he is remembered for and how he impacted Oxford. Children will have the opportunity to visit New College to deepen their knowledge of Lord Nuffield.

Maths

Year 2 will be learning about measure this term. Children will learn the relevant vocabulary for length and height, mass and capacity, and temperature. Children will participate in hands on learning to experience these in everyday contexts. Please continue to build children's fluency of their Times Tables by playing on TTRS.

Across the curriculum

In Science this term we are learning about everyday materials in our topic 'Materials Matter'. Children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for a particular use. Experiments will demonstrate how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Phonics

This term, Year 2 will continue to focus on Stage 5 sounds - alternative codes for sounds. Please ensure children are reading aloud to you each day to build fluency and speed. Year 2 children who did not pass their Phonics Screening in Year 1 will be resitting their test in June. If you are not sure if this is your child, please contact your class teacher.

Writing

This term, we will be moving on to non-fiction writing. Children will learn the features of a non-chronological report through learning an aspirational text. Children will then design a dragon in order to innovate their own non-chronological report. Children will aim to use fronted adverbials, generalisers and words with prefixes and suffixes to excel their writing.

Events coming up

05/05/2025 – May Bank Holiday

06/05/2025-09/05/2025 - Art Exhibition

22/05/2025 – May Festival

Things to remember!

PE Days

On PE days, please send your child into school in their PE Kit.

Badgers: Tuesday and Friday

Squirrels: Tuesday and Wednesday

Children should wear a plain white t-shirt and black or blue plain jogging bottoms/shorts

Things to bring

A named water bottle

A healthy snack eg. a cereal bar or piece of fruit

A coat and waterproof shoes when the weather is wet or cold.

Please note, children **do not** need to bring pens, pencils or stationary.

Help us reunite lost items with their owners: name everything!

Keeping in touch

We'd love to hear from you!

Check Class Dojo for updates on what is happening in class or to message us! We love to hear what is happening at home.

Any urgent messages, or messages about absences, illness pick ups or lunches should go through School Gateway or the school office.

Helping learning at home

We know how busy family lives are, and how tired children are at the end of the day. We don't want to add any extra pressure at home, but there are a few things you could do at home to help your child's learning.

Home is a great place to practice reading!
This term, we are focusing on retrieval: try asking your child these questions about their reading: What kind of text is this? Who did…? Where did…? When did…? What happened when…? Why did …… happen? How did……? How many…? What happened to……?

Great mathematicians know their Number Bonds!
Children have been given a login and password to Numbots which is a great way to practise. Looking to beat the clock? Have a go at Hit th Button! (just type it in to google).
We use White Rose to teach maths, and they have advice here: Maths with Michael | Michael Underwood | White Rose Education

Talk about their learning!
If your child isn't sure what to share about what they've learnt, use their knowledge organiser to start a conversation or ask about a class post on ClassDojo. 'Tell me more' is a great thing to say to encourage them to share what they've been thinking about.

Homework:
Homework will be set on **Fridays** and brought back to school on **Tuesday**. We know it can be a struggle to get children to work at home. We think hard about activities children should be confident with, and that will help their learning, but talk to us if your child is struggling.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about our learning via the school office or ClassDojo.

The school lunch menu

See the curriculum on our website

School uniform information