



QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

Brantwood Rise
Banbury
OXON
OX16 9NH

Tel: 01295 251631

Email: office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman
BA Hons (QTS), NPQH

Monday 15th April 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

I hope that you had a lovely Easter with your loved ones.

Topics

Our topics for Term 5 and 6 are: 'Let's grow' and 'Meet the veggies'. In Term 5 children will be learning about plants and further seasonal changes. They will be exploring how plants grow and observing changes in the growing process. They will also be looking at how nature can be used to create natural sculptures by exploring the work of Andy Goldsworthy in Art. In Term 6 children will be looking further at the properties of plants, specifically looking at fruit and vegetables.

Year One Summer curriculum

English

This term we are focusing on traditional tales and non-fiction texts. We will be exploring different traditional tales such as 'The Three Little Pigs' as well as alternative tales. Also using our topic, we will be looking at the different parts of trees and applying what we are learning in Science to our English writing. We will use the book 'Tree Town' for some inspiration for our non-fiction writing.

In Term 6 we will be looking at stories with familiar settings such as 'Owl Babies' as well as writing some descriptive pieces based on the book 'The Extraordinary Gardener' using a range of different adjectives. We will also be writing a recount on our visit to Church during this term.

Throughout the next two terms we will be continuing to focus on our sentence structure and using our phonics to help us spell words, as well as focusing on all our phonics sounds to ensure our understanding and knowledge of each of them. We will also be working on correctly punctuating our sentences and using capital letters accurately.

Mathematics

This term the children will be continuing to develop their knowledge of number (looking at numbers all the way to 100), multiplication and division and addition and subtraction. We will be using a range of different practical resources including dienes, counters, cubes, and tens frames, as well as using mental methods. It would be great if you could continue to encourage your child to practice counting to 100 forwards and backwards, as well as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be working on position and direction as well as half, quarter, and three-quarter turn. We will then move onto money and recognising the value of different coins.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

In Term 5, children will be learning about the importance of rights and responsibilities. They will understand how their emotions can affect their behaviour and how that can also affect others. We will also be looking into how we can take care of something and understanding money. In Term 6, children will be learning about growing and changing. They will understand and discuss what it means to be healthy and how to look after themselves as they grow older.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the '**Knowledge Organisers**' which can be found on the school website.

Homework

We really appreciate your help with homework as the work set consolidates the learning that has happened during the week in school. Homework is given in a homework folder on Fridays and is due back into school the following **Thursday** to be checked.

- **English**-Children will receive Spelling or phonics homework alternating each week. Spellings will incorporate practising for a test. Phonics will incorporate an aspect from their weekly phonics lessons.
- **Maths** – Children are set one piece of maths homework to consolidate the work we have been doing in class that week.
- **Reading**- Please see our recent letter home regarding changes to our reading reward system. Moving forward, we will continue to encourage the children to read for pleasure at home.

Ways you can help your child at home

You and your child would benefit from checking our class webpage regularly to access our class blog (Google Classroom), keeping up to date with any diary events coming up using suggested websites to support learning.

Shared lesson and parent exhibition

We would like to invite you to our final shared lesson of the year which will take place on **Wednesday 15th May 2024 between 2-3pm**. This shared lesson will have a Science focus and the children will be showing off their knowledge of plants! On **Friday 7th June 2024**, you are invited to our Year 1 Parent Exhibition at **2:30pm** in the hall. During the exhibition you will have an opportunity to see lots of fantastic work and find out all about our learning over the year. Your child will be able to show you around the exhibition.

PE days

PE will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday, and both are outdoors**. Your child must not wear any jewellery on these days. Please can you make sure that they have appropriate clothing for PE in school all the time.

- **Outdoor kit:** Plain navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plain white T-shirt plus plimsolls/trainers. They can also bring a plain blue zip up hoodie or a navy fleece.

Please ensure that all clothing brought into school is clearly named and is following our PE clothes policy (plain white top).

Forest school

We will be taking part in Forest School in **Term 6**. A letter will be sent out nearer the time as a reminder.

Snack

In Year 1 the children can bring their own morning snack to school with them. This must be a healthy snack of vegetables or fresh or dried fruit. They will still receive a free piece of fruit every day in the afternoon.

Finally, please remember to visit our class blog. This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

If you have any questions about anything, please ask me at the door or email the office.

We look forward to the year ahead,

Yours sincerely,

Miss Dineen
Class Teacher