



J1 NEWSLETTER



Summer 2017

Welcome back we hope you had a great Easter break and are ready to start the last term in J1 which will be very productive.

School photographs

On Monday 8th May school photographs will be taken. Please send the children to school in their **summer uniform** and bring swimming kits to change into as usual.

After School

We need to remind you that events are often going on in and around the school after hours which involve use of the Jubilee Gardens, Astro turf and other outdoor areas, and of course, children attending the After School Club are able to use the outdoor areas under supervision, at which time gates need to be closed.

If your children are using the climbing frames, they must be supervised at all times and children are not allowed on the astro turf.

Developing Independence

Thank you for your continued support in this area, your children have become more confident when coming into class by themselves in the mornings please continue to leave children on the astro with their bags, in preparation for J2.

We ask that parents and pupils do NOT use the alternative learning area (in between the hall and swimming pool) as a corridor or waiting area before, during or after school.

Summer Focus

This term our themes will be Living Things, People Who Help Us and Knights, Princesses, Castles and Dragons. The whole school focus this term is Science and our class assembly will be about litter and recycling.

We will be investigating Living Things and now that spring has finally sprung we will be using bug pots to look at mini-beasts in Forest School.

Communication, Language and Literacy.



Continuing our narrative focus, this term we are looking at stories about people who help us.

We hope to arrange visits from the Fire and Police Services, and if you have an interesting job and would be willing to talk to the children about it, we would love to hear from you. In line with this we are going to introduce a themed show and tell which will be related to our topic of the week. We will notify you on the bottom of the homework sheet as to the focus. The children do not have to bring a physical object in each week - we would like to encourage them to re-tell a story or relate an event that is of personal significance to them or your family. We hope that

this will encourage discussions about visits to vets, doctors' surgeries, hospitals and people that help us in the environment.

Homework

Thank you all very much for the effort you have made to help with homework. This term we will be sending home maths games, they will be sent home on a Friday to be returned weekly. Please look after the contents of these Maths games to ensure the next person is able to play and please inform us if anything is missing. Feel free to write a comment in the reading record book about the game.

Reading and Writing

We will continue to send reading home twice a week, could we please ask you to write a comment or initial to say your child has read the book at home with you and then we can change the book and send a new one home. It is valuable to practise daily and develop good habits in preparation for J2.

Letterland

This term we are looking at initial blends (bl, cl, fl etc.). Our objectives this term are for the children to hear and say the sounds in four and five phoneme (sound) words so that they can decode and build them quickly and fluently, for example, they should now be working on words such as c-l-a-p, b-u-m-p and d-r-o-p. You can help at home by segmenting words into phonemes for your child to blend, and saying words for your child to segment into phonemes.

J1 Improvement Work

We are looking forward to a number of improvements to our outdoor play area, including a sandpit and extended canopy area. The classroom is also due to be upgraded

and refurbished. There may be some disruption to our usual use of the areas, but this should be minimal and we eagerly anticipate that the children should be able to use the sandpit after half term – watch this space!

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

We have been concentrating on 'teen' numbers, as well as addition and subtraction. The children have experienced enjoyable and practical activities where they can use their developing mathematical skills in real life contexts. Some children are beginning to record their mathematics in more formal ways but we must stress that we are striving for the children to understand maths and to develop mathematical thinking skills, rather than to train them to complete sums.

This term we shall be extending the children's knowledge of telling the time. This will involve examining a clock face and learning about the second, minute and hour hands.

We will also be learning about money, introducing a wider range of coins and using them to make purchases and give change in context of visits to the vet etc.

Dates for your diary

- Clubs Registration - Friday 28th April
- Mayday Evening of Music Merriment – Thursday 4th May 6.30pm
- Class Photographs- Monday 8th May (summer uniform)
- FOMC Ball- Saturday 20th May
- Half Term 27th May – 4th June

Thank you for your continued support.

The J1 Team

