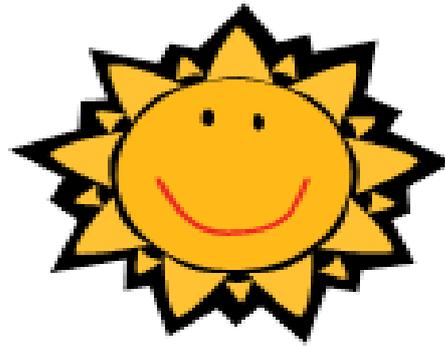




Summer 2018



Welcome back! We hope you had a great break and are ready for the last few busy weeks of J1!

Summer Focus

This term the whole school focus on science continues and we are looking forward to a busy Science Week! The children thoroughly enjoyed the Dinosaur day and they are watching the growing beans and potatoes with interest. We will continue to find out about **Living Things** and start our final theme on **Castles, Knights and Princesses**.

We are looking forward to our trip to Leeds Castle on Tuesday June 19th and it should set the scene for lots of follow-up work on the history of Castles and their functions, the people who lived in them long ago and how they are used today. We will also learn about the animals that live in the castle grounds and this will link well with the Science focus.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Continuing our narrative focus, this term we are looking at stories about castles, knights, dragons and princesses. We will also be looking at factual books about the history of castles and the monarchy.

Homework

We trust that you and the children are enjoying the maths games - they are a fun way of revising the number concepts that we deal with in class.

We will continue to send reading folders 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.

The children are decoding well at this level and we are now encouraging them to take note of the punctuation and use some expression. They should also be able to discuss what has happened in the story to indicate that they have understood what they have read.

The handwriting sheets will focus on the Letterland sounds that we are dealing with as we are now practising how to join the letters correctly to write words. Please check that the children remember to start with a 'slide up' and then flow into the following letter - as indicated on the sheet.

Letterland

This half term we are looking at the Hat Man Happenings ch, sh, th, and wh. 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 ch-i-p, wh-i-p, c-a-sh and s-t-a-m-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.

Numeracy

We will use these last few weeks of term to consolidate the children's learning. We will talk about shapes, clocks, coins and measurement. We will also continue with addition and subtraction, now incorporating counting on and counting back.

Parents' Evening

We would like to invite you to J1 Parents' Evening after school on Monday 2nd July. There will be 10-minute time-slots for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. The children's books will also be available for you to look at. Sign-up sheets will be on the classroom doors shortly, for you to book your appointment.

Dates for your diary

- 19th June – Leeds Castle Trip
- 28th June – Festival of music (individual entries)
- 29th June – Festival of music 1:30pm (class entries)
- 2nd July – Parents' Evening
- 6th July – Jnr Sports Day EY/J1 (9:15am)
- 10th July – Moving up Day
- 11th July – Junior Prizegiving 2pm
- 12th July – Prom on the Pitch (5-9pm)
- 13th July – Term ends (12 noon)

The warmer weather is most welcome, so please remind the children to bring in their baseball caps for playtime - even on uniform days. Although it is warm, children should still have their blazers in school each day.

We look forward to a busy few weeks and should you have any questions or queries, please do pop in to see us.

The J1 Team