



HERNE BAY INFANT SCHOOL

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Term 6

June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6. We hope you have had a restful break. In Year 1, we are all really looking forward to the summer term and the events that we have planned!

Connector- (Topic – how we connect different subjects)- Our Connector for this term is 'Castles'. We will take the children's interests into account and let this lead our learning. Much of our curriculum will be stemmed from this connector especially our History, English and Challenge Curriculum in the afternoon. For the start of our connector; we have planned a trip to Walmer Castle. The focus will be on why and how castles were built and how lives have changed through time. We are very grateful for the overwhelming response to help on our trip, thank you for your kind offers and the financial contributions. To finish our connector, each class will hold a Medieval Feast with their own King and Queen. The feast will be a celebration of their learning from the term.

Problem Solving Day-On Friday 16th June, all of the children at Herne Bay Infant School will take part in a Problem Solving Day. Throughout the day, children will have opportunities to solve a range of problems with exciting resources both inside and outside the classroom. We will encourage their independence as they tackle the problems and encourage them to find solutions and different methods to get there. Year 1 would like to invite parents to share their child's learning on Monday 19th June between 8:40- 9:00am. We look forward to seeing you in the classrooms then!

Transition-To help children settle in Year 2 for September, Year 1 children will spend some time in their new Year 2 classes on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July. More details on this will be shared nearer the time.

Reading- Please continue to read regularly at home and use the children's contact books to record their reading, this way we know when they have read and can take any messages from you at home. We hope you are enjoying some of our new reading books. The children have responded really well to them and are keen to look after them! Each week, children will bring home a book from the class book corner and a levelled Read Write, Inc. book from their RWI group. They should be able to read this RWI book independently as they would have read it 3 times in their group previously. This is an opportunity to practise reading fluently with expression.

English- This term, our English will be centred on our connector: 'Castles'. Children will write across a variety of genres including non-fiction books, diary entries and menus. We will continue to show children that English is everywhere; not just confined to a lesson and so our English skills will be applied to other areas of the curriculum including Geography, History, ICT, Art, Science, Music, R.E and even Maths! Handwriting and Spelling will continue to be a focus. Please support your child by practising both at home. Please use rainbow writing with your child to practise the weekly spelling.

Maths- Children will continue their counting to and back from 100, including steps of 2s, 5s, and 10s. They will solve problems with these too. Children will recap on how to tell the time to the hour and half past. Term 6 will provide an opportunity for children to master the properties of 3D shapes. The children will revisit how to measure capacity.

Science- To conclude our Science for the year, we will look at seasonal change: Summer. We will also have the opportunity to pond dip and identify the aquatic life there.

P.E.- This term the children will take part in Athletics activities. We have 2 sessions of P.E. each week; 1 will be led by 'TeamTheme' and the other by Class Teachers. Please take out any earrings at home on the mornings of your child's P.E. day. Unfortunately, we cannot help children to take earrings out and they are not able to take part in P.E. with them in. It is a great idea to keep your child's P.E. kit in school at all times.

Dates for your Diaries –

Term 6 Starts:

Tuesday 6th June

Year 1 Starter:

(Walmer Castle Trip)
Friday 9th June

Year 1 Problem Solving Parents Share:

(Parents invited)
Monday 19th June

Transition Days:

Year 1 to Year 2 classes
Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July

Year 1 Fabulous Finisher:

(Medieval Feast)
Monday 17th July (pm)

Year 1 Sports Day:

(Parents invited)
Thursday 29th June

Term 6 Ends:

Friday 21st July 1:15pm

P.E. days:

Monday and Tuesday- Parrot Class

Monday and **Thursday**-Monkey Class

Tuesday and Thursday- Tiger Class and Zebra Class

How can you support learning at home?

Speaking and Listening –Share your memories of Year 1. What have you enjoyed most about this year? Are you worried about anything in Year 2? What would you like to know? Share your questions with your teachers.

Reading- Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally daily, it really does make a difference. It would be great to see and hear about your child sharing some tales set in other cultures or countries.

You will find copies of practise for The Phonics Screening in your child's book bag and on our website:

<http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/phonics/> Please take time to read through these words with your child.

Spelling- Spellings will continue to be emailed each week and they can be found on our school website too:

<http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/spelling/>

Please practise these at home and allow opportunities for your child to apply them in their writing and reading.

Writing- Write some questions to interview a relative. Then, ask the questions, what do they say? What have you found out?

Maths- Look at the measuring devices you have at home. Start by filling them half way, can you fill it right up? Then, look at the divisions. Where is 200ml? Which container holds the most liquid?

Computing and ICT- We will use coding to move a sprite on screen, (codes are instructions) give each other instructions to move around your house. Which directions did you use? Who gives the best code?

Science- Talk about how the weather has changed throughout the school year, what has grown or changed through the seasons? Look at photos taken through the year- share the changes you see.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Pout, Mrs Amos, Miss Bishopp, Miss Walker and Miss Reed.