



Final Term in Year One!

Welcome back, we hope everyone has had a lovely Easter.

We had a great time during the spring term and the children were really enthusiastic about each of our topics; 'One World' and 'Up, up and away!'. This term we will be covering two topics: 'Who? What? Where?' and 'Dream Big'. The children will be learning about Mary Anning, as well as the characteristic of different plants. During 'Dream Big!' we will focus on future aspirations and interesting careers. The second half of the summer term will concentrate largely on mental maths, spelling and punctuation; ready for Year 2.

The information below has been taken from the slides shown during our meeting.

Phonics Screening Check

- Children will read 20 real and 20 nonsense words.
- Children are encouraged to sound out loud **whilst** they button and bar.
- They must blend sounds to read whole words out **loud**.
- Even if the children are finding it difficult they must continue **without** input from the teacher.
- Children must turn one page at a time; to ensure that they do not miss out words.

The homework will continue to reflect their current focus and will often be based on Phonics activities in order to help with sounding out and blending.

A sheet attached on the website shows examples of buttons and bars to support the sounding out of words.

In Year Two

English

- Greater focus is on developing children's vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Children will be expected to spell the days of the week and months of the year. We encourage parents to support this further at home. Please remind children that names need capital letters.
- Children will move onto using joins in their handwriting therefore it is encouraged for children to practise their letter formation and limit letter reversals.

Maths

- Children will focus on developing their skills in mental arithmetic and written methods.
- They will be expected to form their numbers correctly and to write each digit in one box. This is something that can also be practised at home.

In Year 2, children will continue to be encouraged to develop their independence and checking skills.

New resources are frequently added to the website to aid further support at home. You will find these under 'Resources for Parents' on the school website, which we encourage you to look at.

<http://chestnutlane.bucks.sch.uk/>

TES iboard has additional activities related to this term;

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/teacher/year1chestnutlane>. If you have any queries, please let us know.

We are all looking forward to another exciting term!

Thank you,

Miss Holt and Miss Begum