



Year 1 Newsletter

Summer 1

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful Easter break and are ready for the Summer term. We are very proud of how hard the children have been working across the year so far and we will continue with this positive, hard working attitude as we start to prepare for the transition to Year 2. This half term is also our final push before the phonics screening check in June. Please find time to practice as often as possible at home to support the children's confidence and accuracy. As we move into Summer, please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled to avoid anything getting lost.



Dates for your diary

28th April - Whole class photos

21st May-Redgrave and Lopham Fen trip

18th-22nd May – Aspirations week

25th-29th May — Half term

How can I help my child with their learning?

Parents can play an important role in supporting their child's learning at home. Take time to ask your child questions about what they have been learning in school and encourage them to explain their ideas, as talking about learning helps children remember and understand more. Reading together regularly and discussing books can also build confidence and vocabulary. Visiting places such as Thetford Library can help children discover new books and develop a love of reading.

We encourage the children to answer questions in full sentences.

SHAPE your Speech



Sentences – not single words

Hand away from mouth

Articulate

Project



Eye contact



Our Value this half term is 'Aspire'

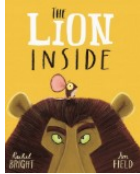
Aspire - An NRA Super Learner has high aspirations for themselves and high standards for their learning. They have ambitions and support the ambitions of others. They are organised and take responsibility and care greatly about their learning to ensure they achieve the best they can.

Children revisit the Aspire value daily in class and weekly in our values assembly. This half term we will also be celebrating our value through 'Aspirations Week'. A week where children are able to consider future careers and aspirations through a range of visitors and special assemblies.

Curriculum Focus

English

In English we will be continuing to work hard on our handwriting and sentence formation and will be using adjectives to extend our writing further. We will be using the text "The Lion Inside" to create our own innovated stories!



Maths

This half term, we will begin to look at multiplication and division. We will be continuing to work on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be introducing fractions and using practical learning to understand the concept of whole, halves and quarters.



Science

In Science we are focusing on plant. We will be identifying different parts of a plant, what they need to grow and also which parts we can sometimes eat. We will have a go at caring for our own plants and experimenting what happens when they are left to grow in different conditions.

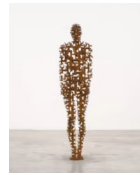
Phonics

As we move closer to the Year 1 phonics screening check, please continue to practice at home as often as possible. Where possible, please focus on split digraphs as these can be particularly hard for children to recall and identify within words.

a-e o-e e-e u-e i-e

Art

This half term, we are focusing on 'sculptures'. We will look at different sculptures that children have seen in their community before having a go at making their own sculptures using a range of different materials.



Life Skills

Our focus in Life Skills is around economic wellbeing. We will be looking at the importance of money, how we keep money safe and discussing a range of different jobs that people do to be able to earn their money.



Music

In Music we are introducing the term 'dynamics'. We will be identifying different sounds within music and using adjectives to describe how these sound. We will then be recreating these using our bodies and voices!



Geography

In Geography this half term we are looking at the 7 continents. We will be using a globe to understand the 3D shape of our Earth and will work on identifying all continents and oceans. We will introduce the equator and look at the role that this has on the planet.



Computing

In Computing we are focusing on 'digital writing'. This will involve familiarising ourselves with a keyboard and understanding how to use them for writing. We will look at the differences in typing and writing and choosing which one we prefer!



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