Bryony Year 1 Summer Term 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back to Term 6, It is hard to believe that we have reached the final term of the academic year already. This term is 7 weeks and 1 day and promises to be a very busy and exciting time for the children. The children have returned to school eager and enthusiastic, ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. It is wonderful to see how much they have grown and developed throughout the year, and I am looking forward to making the most of our final weeks together. There is lots to look forward to this term, including the Year 1 phonics screening check, sports day, summer fayre and many exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. I am also in the process of organising a trip which will complement and enrich our learning this term, and I look forward to sharing further details with you soon.

Important Information:

- Children will need to wear their PE kit to school every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. On Tuesdays the children will be taught football by Mr Philips who was a professional footballer. The children had their first lesson today and they loved it. Mr Philips commented on how impressed he was with how the children were ready to learn and engaged throughout. I felt extremely proud of all the children, and it was lovely having such positive feedback regarding the children's skills for learning.
- Children will need to bring a snack and a water bottle with them to school each day. Fruit is provided in the afternoon. The children continue to love snack time, often asking for seconds 😊
- As the warmer weather is here sunhats would be advisable and ideally suncream to be applied at home.
- Water bottles - preferably only water please. The children can refill at school.
- Children are invited to bring in one of their presents when it is their birthday, but please can other items be left at home to avoid them getting lost or damaged. Thank you.

Daily Routine:

- All children can begin to arrive from 8.40 am, to start the day at 8.50am. The children love our early morning activities before registration particularly maths problems, handwriting and wordsearches which continue to be related to our quest.
- Please contact me via the office email address (enquiries@svsj.bwmat.org) regarding any important information / changes to pick up arrangements. This will be forwarded on.
- Please also make sure that you also check the School App as we will use this to send out important messages.

Homework:

- Our homework for Term 6 will continue to focus on phonics. This will be given out on a Friday. The children are welcome to use their homework books to write the suggested spellings and sentences. Next week the children will complete their phonic screener. As mentioned last term, it is a short, statutory assessment that Year 1 children complete. It is designed to assess children's phonic knowledge and their ability to decode (sound out) words. The check takes place on a one-to-one basis with me and is carried out in a relaxed and supportive environment. The children often see it as a reading activity rather than a test. The children have worked really hard and love phonics. The check consists of 40 words for the children to read aloud. Some of these are real words and some are alien (nonsense) words, which are used to assess the children's ability to apply their phonic skills independently. We practise these skills daily in our phonic lessons. Continuing to read regularly at home and practising sounding out unfamiliar words will really support their confidence.

Home Reading:

- Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. It really does make a difference. Reading books will continue to be changed once a week. The children will have the opportunity to bring home two reading for pleasure books of their choice. Please read with your child four times a week and date and sign in your child's reading diary. Little and often works best in Year 1. Please can reading bags be brought to school each day. Your child will read twice a week in school but there may be other opportunities during the week.

Our Quest this term is:

What was life like living in a castle?

We will be exploring this predominately through Science and History. We will continue to do the following subjects: RE, Art/DT, Computing, Music, PSHE as well as English (Drawing Club), Maths, Phonics and dictation/ handwriting. Many of these subjects where possible will link to our quest this term. The children already have thoughts on how we can explore our quest further. More details on our subjects for this term will follow shortly.

As always, communication is really important. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to catch me at the end of the day or contact me via email through the school office. I'm looking forward to another successful and enjoyable term with your children.

Best wishes
Miss Angel