Bryony Year 1 Summer Term 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back to term 5, a short one but none the less busy! I hope you all had a lovely enjoyable Easter break. I am looking forward to the children returning to school full of their usual smiles, personalities and eagerness to learn about our new quest: How does our garden grow?

Important Information:

- Children will need to wear their PE kit to school every **Thursday**. Please make sure children wear appropriate clothing.
- This term on a Tuesday afternoon children will alternate between cricket and forest school. The children have been split into two groups. Details of your child's group and dates of sessions can be found below. On the Tuesday your child has forest school they will need to wear long sleeves and trousers. Wellington boots or old footwear and a sunhat. On the Tuesday when your child has cricket, they will need to wear PE kit.
- 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 love snack time!
- As the warmer weather seems to have made an appearance sunhats would be advisable and suncream to be applied at home.
- Water bottles - preferably only water please.
- 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 5 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. As a reminder from last term, In June, the children will complete a phonics screening check. 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 already been practicing and will continue to have more practise checks before the screening itself. 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. I will send home some alien words for the children to practise on Friday.

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:

How does our garden grow?

We will be exploring this predominately through Science and Geography. We will continue to do the following subjects: RE, Art, 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

Group 1 *Forest School – 21/04, 05/05 and 19/05* *Cricket – 28/04, 12/05*	**Group 2** *Cricket - 21/04, 05/05 and 19/05* *Forest School -*
Adahleia	Ava
Darcey	Eddie
Elodie	Enzo
Emma	Esme
Felix	George
Harvey	Isaac
Joshua	Louis
Logan	Lawson
Luka	Maia
Maisie	Maya
Olivia	Oliver
Ottilie	Rose
River	Thomas
William	

Group 1 will have forest school on the following dates:
21.4.26
5.5.26
19.5.26

Group 2 will have forest school on the following dates:
28.4.26

12.5.26