







We hope you have had a wonderful half term despite the wet weather. The children have all come back telling us of fun filled time spent with their families. We cannot believe that we are already starting the last half term of Year 1! We would like to say a massive thank you to you and your incredible children for making it a truly memorable year together! We are looking forward to our final half term together filled with fun and making more memories.

Phonics Screening Check

The week beginning the 10th of June all children in Year 1 will be participating in the phonics screening check. This is a short statutory assessment which focusses on phonics skills. Each child will be asked to read 40 words. The words will be a mixture of real and pseudo words (words that are not real) to ensure that they are using their decoding skills. You will be informed on how your child did during the screening and there is an opportunity to revisit this again in Year 2 if needed. If you would like to know more about this please read the government guidance [here](#).


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If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher or send an email to the Year 1 email address.

Guided Reading

Please ensure that the children's **red reading record and reading books are sent in with them daily**. In Year 1 we complete 3 Guided Reading sessions a week with each session focussing on a particular skill. These are:

- Decoding – this is where the children use their phonic knowledge and growing fluency to read the text for the first time.
- Prosody – this is where the children begin to read with prosody, so they develop reading with appropriate meaning, stress and intonation. It provides an opportunity to explore characters' feelings, what words mean and how punctuation adds to meaning.
- Comprehension - this is where the children demonstrate their understanding of the book and answer questions. They will be able to automatically apply their decoding skills to read with greater accuracy and fluency.

Pirate Day	Dates
<p>On the Thursday 11th of July we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as pirates. We will enjoy a pirate picnic provided by our fantastic catering team as well as a day of pirate themed activities including crafts, letter writing and drama!</p> 	<p>W/B 10th June – Phonics Screening Thursday 13th June – Father’s Day Breakfast Friday 14th June – Father’s Day Breakfast <u>Wednesday 19th 9am and 2:30pm – Year 1 Showcase.</u> Friday 28th June – P Fest <u>Thursday 4th July Morning – Year 1/2 sports day</u> Monday 8^h July – Year 1 reports sent out Wednesday 10th July – Class swap morning <u>Wednesday 10th July – open evening</u> <u>Thursday 11th July – Year 1 Pirate Day</u> Monday 17th July – class swap morning Tuesday 16th July – KS1 awards assembly Friday 19th July – last day of summer term</p>
Homework	Warmer Weather
<p>A huge well done to those children who have regularly been completing their Reading and Maths Purple Mash homework tasks. It is great to see how hard the children are working at home. Completing home learning is very beneficial as it supports their progress. We ask that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The children complete the Maths homework on Purple Mash which is set each Monday. ➤ You listen to your children reading their 	<p>As we are heading into the second half of the summer term, the weather may begin to get a bit warmer (hopefully!). Don’t forget to send your child in with their own named water bottle filled with water. On hot days, it would be advisable that your child brings a named sunhat and sunglasses for them to wear at playtime and lunchtime.</p> <p>Please apply ‘once a day’ sun cream to your child before coming to school. Unfortunately,</p>

phonics book every day.

- Practice reading and writing the phase 2,3, 4 and 5 tricky words which have been sent home.

staff are unable to apply sun cream to your child.



Little Wandle Tricky words - Year 1

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	
is	And	She	Your	Any	One	But
I	Has	Push	People	Many	Laugh	Beautiful
The	Has	He	Oh	Again	Because	Feeling
Put	Go	Of	Your	Who	Ear	How
Full	No	We	My	Whole	Where	Most
Full	To	He	His	When	Two	Improve
As	See	So	He	Two	School	Parents
			Ask	Could	Can	Shoe
			Could	Different		
Was	My	Are	Should	Trouble		
You	By	Sure	Should	Trouble		
They	All	Face	Our	Friend		
			Water	Work		
			Water			
			Water			
Seed	Love	There				
So	Go	When				
Have	Were	What				
List	How	One				
Some	Little	Out				
Came	Says	Talking				

Year 1 Curriculum

Exploring Our World

- ♥ In English this half term, we are basing our learning different settings and stories. The children will become authors and create their own character and setting before writing their very own story. We will be focusing on spelling our tricky words correctly and using the suffixes -er, -est, -ed, -es and -s). The children will continue to focus on writing sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and extending our sentences using and, and because.
- ♥ During History, the children will learn all about the importance of exploring and who are the significant explorers that have impacted impact on our world today. These include: Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Mary Anning, David Attenborouand Mae Jemison.
- ♥ In Maths the children will be learning all about time. They will also look at days of the week, months of the year before learning how to tell the time focusing on half past and o'clock.





♥ Continuing with our theme in Science we are learning all about plants. The children will plant their own sunflower and be responsible for looking after it until the end of term. They will be identifying a range of wild and garden flowers as well as looking at deciduous and evergreen trees.

♥ In Art the children will be looking at landscapes and sketching their own landscape of a view that they pick in school. We can't wait to see their final pieces!

♥ In PSHE our topic is changing me. We will be looking at lifecycles and how we have changed since we were a baby, naming body parts and talking about how to cope with change.

♥ In RE we are looking at places of worship and why they are important to us. We are hoping to walk to Tattenhoe Church before the end of term.

♥ In computing the children will continue to consolidate their skills in coding and spreadsheets.

♥ In Music the children will be practicing their songs ready for our showcase assembly on Wednesday the 19th June at 9am and 2:30 pm.



Our Priority Rise Value of the Month for June and July



June

During the month of June, we are focusing on the value **hope**. We will be discussing what this means and learning how it is important to have and to be hopeful. Hope is an optimistic state of mind based on an expectation of positive outcomes.



July

In July our Value of the month will be **freedom**. Freedom is having the choice to make good choices. There is a choice for everything and everyone is responsible for their choice.

Recommended Reads



Look Up by Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola

This story is all about a science-made chatterbox who wants to be the greatest astronaut. She spends her time trying to convince her big brother to look up from his phone and appreciate what is around him.



Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival

This is a heart-warming story about a girl who loves making things but struggles to make friends. It is a lovely book which teaches the importance of friendship, how to make and keep friends, how to relate to others and finding a place in the world.



Great Women Who Saved The Planet by Kate Pankhurst

This book tells the stories of women who have helped protect our natural world all through history which links well to our theme of exploring our world. This is a truly inspirational book.

Contact Us

If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please record this in your child's Home/School link book. Alternatively, you can email the Year 1 teaching team on the following email address:
year1@pioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk
All teachers are able to access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours, but before 6pm each day. Thank you!

Finally....

It has been such a pleasure to teach your children and watch them grow. Thank you for all of your support, it is a pleasure to work alongside you to best support your children. We look forward to our final half term together.

