



Vigo Primary School

Opening a World of Learning and Opportunity

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Welcome to the Summer Term of Year 1

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the term in Year One, where the children have been getting used to being back in school. This term we are going to be studying the following topics:

- History – British Monarchs 'Can I be the King or Queen of the United Kingdom?'
- Geography – Fieldwork 'What is litter like at Vigo?'
- Science – How animals survive? / Plants
- RE – Special places, books & churches in Christianity and Judaism
- DT – Food – How to keep our body healthy?
- Art – Making birds - inspired by Lora and Fauna.
- Computing – Grouping and sorting technology outside of school.
- Music – Midnight wood
- PE – Games for understanding & Running
- PDL – How to keep healthy? / How to use money?

To support the children's learning we are looking forward to our trip to Marwell Zoo. Details of the trip will be sent out this half term.

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

After half term, Year 1 will be undertaking the National Phonic Screening Check. The children have been working hard on learning their phonic sounds and blending words. The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, national assessment that takes place in primary schools to see how well children can recognise and read sounds (phonics). During the check, children are asked to read a list of 40 words aloud, including a mix of real words and "nonsense" (made-up) words, which helps assess their ability to apply phonics skills rather than rely on memory.

To prepare, with your children please practise sounding out and blending letters to read words, including unfamiliar ones. Regular reading at home, practising phonics sounds, and playing simple word games can all help build confidence and fluency ahead of the check.

PE days

Year 1 PE days are still Wednesday and Thursday every week, please ensure that on PE days your child wears black trainers, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a white t- shirt. On colder day, please ensure your child has a plain black hoodie or school jumper to wear.

Forest School

In Year 1, the classes rotate accessing Forest School sessions on a Wednesday morning. We ask that for Forest School sessions children wear long sleeved top, trousers and appropriate footwear, such as boots or wellies. When it is your child's day for Forest School, please send them to school in their Forest School clothes, with a spare change of clothes (does not have to be their uniform) in their bag in case they get wet or dirty.





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Healthy snack and lunchboxes

Children need to bring in a healthy snack, for example: fruit, crackers and **nut-free** cereal bars for breaktime. Please can those bringing a packed lunch from home ensure there is a healthy balance of food and a separate drink.

We find children are more able to concentrate on their learning when they have a healthy diet and are hydrated throughout the day. Please also do not send your child to school with sweets or fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. Some ideas can be found here

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Reading expectations

The expectation for reading is that children read 3 times a week with an adult at home, we recommend about 10 to 15 minutes with a short chat at the end about what they have read, and for this to be recorded in their reading log. If there are 3 reads recorded in a week, your child's diary will be taken to Owlets on a Friday where they have the opportunity to win a new book.

How you can help your child in Year 1

Encourage your child to be responsible and independent. e.g., bringing what they need in for school, putting on their own shoes, refilling their water bottle.

Talk to your child about their learning and ask them to show you the new skills they have been learning. Please do not teach them any new methods as we need to ensure we follow the curriculum.

Take your child to the town library and choose different types of books to read/ listen to. Play board games with your child, to encourage and support turn taking, following rules and social skills.

Spend time cooking with your child to practice reading and following instructions and understanding weights and measures. Talk about coins and money when you are shopping.

What to do if you have any worries or concerns

If you have any non-urgent learning or personal and social concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with a class teacher, please email through adminoffice@vigo.hants.sch.uk, or catch them at the end of the school day at pick up.

Mornings are a very busy time for teachers as they prepare for your child's learning for the day, unless it is urgent, please avoid trying to speak with them at that time.

We look forward to a successful Summer term.

Portugal Class- Mrs McNeil & Mrs Martin **Iceland Class-** Miss Askwith **Norway Class-** Miss Blake

