

# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER-SUMMER 1

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Welcome back. We hope you've all had a lovely Easter and are enjoying the sunshine arriving at last!

## ? THEME AND BIG QUESTION

### Wild in Africa

What is it like to live in Kenya compared to Bramley?



## OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS...

**TRUTHFULNESS**



## KEY DATES



- 2/5/25 - African Drumming Workshop – both classes
- 5/05/25 - Bank Holiday
- 21/5/25 – Stay and model – make a Kenyan village 9-9.30am
- 23/05/25 - Last day of school – break up for half term

## NOTICES



- Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school **every day** and check inside for new books and notices. Please ensure that PE kits are back in school for this half term. Remember to label all items of uniform too! **Please can all children bring their water bottles with them every day and filled with water only.**

## MATHS



- Our main focus this half term is length and height, mass and volume and multiplication and division.
- We will continue with our Mastering Number programme securing a deep understanding of counting, ordering, addition and subtraction through lots of different practical methods.
- The children will learn and practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.



## ENGLISH



- We will continue to practise learning our phonics, recapping Phase 4 sounds and tricky words and learn our Phase 5 sounds and tricky words.
- The children will continue to read three times per week in small reading groups.
- Our main story this half term is the traditional tale Chicken Licken. We will use this book and continue to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, also focusing on letter formation and handwriting.
- The children will practise their spellings using their phonics knowledge, and we will be learning how to write prefixes and suffixes.



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## SCIENCE



### Animals including humans

#### How can we sort animals into groups?

- The children will learn to identify and name a range of animals. The children will look in depth at the features of animals and they will group and sort animals in different ways i.e. by their physical features as well as where they live, and what they eat.



## PSHE

### Drugs, alcohol and tobacco education

The children will learn about what is safe and unsafe to put inside and on our bodies. We will also discuss again the importance of talking to a trusted adult about what is safe or unsafe.

## PE



### PE days – Monday and Wednesday

- This half term on a Monday we will be doing our next gymnastics unit and on a Wednesday we will be continuing with our games unit outdoors.
- **As we have some PE sessions outside, please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothes, for example:**
  - **a black or red plain jumper**
  - **black joggers**
  - **red t-shirt**
  - **black shorts**
  - **trainers**

## COMMUNICATION



- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly.
- Also, don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [class webpage](#) to see all our learning in Y1 and school.



## RE



### Salvation – What do Christians believe God is like?

- The children will be learning about what a parable is. The children will learn and retell the parable of 'The Lost Son'.
- The children will learn that this parable tells us that God is forgiving like a parent. The children will then think about times where they have shown forgiveness.

## ART



### Drawing – make your mark

- The children will be experimenting with making marks using different media and shading.
- The children will also learn about the artist Bridget Riley and practise continuous line drawing.

## COMPUTING



### 1.7 Coding

- The children will continue to use a computer to login safely.
- They will also be learning how to follow instructions and complete simple codes using Purple Mash.



## HOME LEARNING

- Please read as much as possible with your child. Try and aim to read with your child **daily** for at least 10 minutes and make a short note in their reading diary.
- It is also important that you read to your child as much as possible too!
- **Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.**



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