

# Halstow Primary School

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## Summer 1 Newsletter

### Year 1

Dear Year 1 Parents and Guardians,

The Summer Term has arrived – let's hope the weather follows suit after a wonderful, sunny Easter weekend! Here is a rundown of all the brilliant learning we will be doing this term...

In maths, after recapping our learning about counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to further build the children's fluency, we will be developing our understanding of multiplication and division. Children will also be exploring fractions this term focusing on the concept of a 'quarter' and a 'half'. After this, we will move onto learning about position and direction (describing turns, forwards and backwards) before proceeding to work on ordinal numbers.

We will use the beach as a stimulus and inspiration for our literacy learning this term, which links to an aspect of our Art learning, which will be centred around making sculptures of boats. We will begin the term by writing a first person postcard inspired by the events from 'The Snail and The Whale', focussing on detailed expanded noun phrases, then moving on to instructional writing influenced by the not-so delicious mustard sandwiches in 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We will be sharing many rich and engaging texts and using them as a base for our writing. Another favourite of ours is 'The Singing Mermaid', which is a great story about a kidnapped Mermaid's adventure back to the seaside – we won't give you any spoilers!

In Science this term, we will be learning all about plants, with one of our focuses as looking at different types of deciduous and evergreen trees – identifying their parts and what they do and naming and classifying trees in our local area. We hope to visit the Pleasaunce and Greenwich Park later this term to give us more opportunities to learn about plants and trees. We will also be planting broad beans, experimenting with removing important factors such as light or water and predicting the growth patterns of our plants.

#### PE Days:

Miss Fay's Class: **Thursdays** and **Fridays**

Miss Mancey's Class: **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**

Can the children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please!

#### Trips to The Cutty Sark and Greenwich Park:

We are excited to inform you that we will be visiting The Cutty Sark on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May to further support our learning around Ships and boats. We would be grateful for any parent volunteers to accompany us on this trip. Please do email us if you wish to join us. We are also in the process of planning trips to Greenwich Park to support our learning about trees in science. Stay tuned for more details!

#### Home Readers:

A big thank you to all of you who have supported your children with reading at home and particularly with returning our home-readers on time!

Both Year 1 teachers use the same system for checking books in and out and due to the number of books we have in a set, must operate a system of 'one in one out' each week. Which means, if children do not return their reading book, teachers are unable to issue a new one until it is returned. We understand that it is tricky sometimes to keep track of school books and we have and will continue to talk to the children about routines which can help with this, such as keeping the green reading record and home-reader in their school bag at all times and replacing after use etc.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Fay and Miss Mancey and the Year 1 Team