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Summer 2 Newsletter

Year 1

Dear Year 1 Parents and Guardians,

Summer 2 has arrived quick as ever! – We hope you have all had a lovely half term break! Here is a rundown of all the brilliant learning we will be doing this term...

In maths, We will be revisiting place value and develop the children's understanding of numbers from 50 to 100. Soon after, Year 1 will also be exploring the concept of Money it's value as well as specifically recognising coins and notes. We will be rounding off the year with an in -depth look at the idea of time, starting from days and months all the way through to the recognition of seconds, minutes and hours. Children will also learn how to tell the time to the hour and half hour.

We will continue to use the sea as a stimulus and inspiration for our literacy learning this term, which links all aspects of our learning so far. We will begin the term by writing a postcard from the beach, drawing on our own experiences of visiting the beach, if we have been, and learning about what we might see and do there. We will be sharing many rich and engaging texts and using them as a base for our writing. A favourite of ours is 'Soggy the Bear' by Philip Moran, which is a great story about a bear's adventure at the seaside – we won't give you any spoilers!

Our science learning about plants will continue, with a focus this term on looking at trees – We hope to have a visit to Greenwich Park and engage in a tree and plant identification session to further develop children's understanding of what we have learnt so far. They will be naming and classifying trees in our local area.

PE Days:

These will remain the same:

Miss Hills' Class: **Thursdays** and **Fridays**

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

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

Home Readers:

A big thank you to all of you who have supported your children with reading at home and particularly with returning our lovely new 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 Hills and Miss Mancey and the Year 1 Team