

# Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 - Term 5 - 2025/2026

Welcome to Term 5! We hope you had a nice break.

We're now over halfway through Year 1.

Please log onto Class Dojo regularly to see some of our amazing work!

Please remember:

It is very important that your child brings in their **water bottle**, **reading book** and a **coat** every day!



water bottle



reading book



coat

## Dates for Term 5

20<sup>th</sup> April: Term 5 starts

4<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday – No school

22<sup>nd</sup> May: Last Day of Term 5

1<sup>st</sup> June: Start of Term 6

## Authors



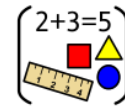
As authors this term, we will be reading **Katie Goes to London** and **Katie goes to Scotland**.

We will be linking our Geography knowledge of UK capital cities to help write a diary based on when character Katie and her brother go on a day trip to London.

We will then be applying all the writing skills we have learnt in Year 1 so far to help us write a narrative based on the story of Katie goes to Scotland.

Why not ask us at home about the books we are reading in school. We'll love to tell you about them!

## Mathematicians



As mathematicians, we will continue to deepen our knowledge and understanding of numbers within 20.

As a class we will continue to practice number formations and choosing different strategies for adding and subtracting.

This term we will be focussing on doubling and halving numbers as well as looking at number neighbours.

Please keep asking us to help with counting tasks at home!

## Geographers



As Geographers this term we will be exploring capital cities of the UK. By the end of the term we will be able to name the cities and 4 countries that make up the UK. We will also be able to locate them on a map and identify similarities and differences between them.

## Historians



As historians in Term 5 we will be investigating changes in information communication technology from the 1930s to the present day, such as telephones, computers and the internet.

## Phonics



As readers and writers this term, we will be recapping all our Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 5a phonemes and graphemes, as well as Phase 4 consonant blends.

To help practice using our phonics we will be reading real and 'alien' words to support us in the lead up to our Phonics Screening Check in Term 6.

We will also be practicing to read and spell all our common exception words.

Please remember to ask us about our phonics at home.

## Athletes



In Term 5 we will be having Athletes sessions every **Monday** and **Thursday afternoon**.

Children should come to school dressed ready for athletes lessons in **sports kit and trainers**.

As athletes this term we will explore movement through our Real PE curriculum. We are also lucky to have Bristol Robins sports coaches teaching some of our sports sessions this term.

## At home learning



Please listen to your child read at home **5 times per week**. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age.

*Just 5 minutes per day makes a big difference.*

Ask us to identify the sounds in the words – we love to show off our phonics and reading skills!

At school will be regularly checking if your child has been reading and will change home reading books when appropriate. Enjoy reading together!

If you have any questions at all, please contact me through ClassDojo or speak with myself at the door.

Yours Sincerely,

**Mrs Caspar– Year 1 Class Teacher**