



## Summer 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term - Year 1

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter term break. We are eager to welcome the children back into the classrooms. This half term will be filled with more fun, we will enjoy another DT week and we will be introducing our new topic on 'Rainforests'

### English

- ★ **Fiction writing:** This term the children will continue to work on creative writing. They have learnt quite a bit now about how to describe settings using adjectives and we are really impressed with the extended writing that the children have done so far.
- ★ **Phonics** The children have learnt so many new sounds this year and they are really beginning to confidently apply their knowledge of these sounds when reading and writing. We have been teaching the children to spot trigraphs and digraphs and they have become very capable at doing so.
- ★ **Reading:** Many of the children are now having a go at completing some written comprehension activities during reading sessions. This consists of the children reading a short piece of text and then responding to questions relating to the text in full sentences. You can support with this at home by asking questions about what your child has read to you.

### Maths

- ★ **Position and Direction**  
The children will learn how to describe movements, position and direction. This links closely with a computing topic we have already covered where the children programmed 'Bee-Bots' to move in certain ways. The children will learn to use the language of whole, quarter, half and three-quarter turns. They will also begin to look at moving clockwise and anti-clockwise, linking this to their learning about telling the time.
- ★ **Money**  
Recognising and naming the different coins/notes. Ordering them based on their values.
- ★ **Measurement**  
We will be looking at measuring temperature, capacity and weight this term. The children will be using language to compare such as heavier, lighter, hotter, colder, full, empty.  
The children will be ordering different types of measurement.

### Foundation Subject focus areas

- ★ **Geography:**  
Rainforests, Windsor
- ★ **Computing:**  
Word processing, algorithms and modern technology
- ★ **PE:**  
Dance, team games and object control
- ★ **PSHE:**  
British Values, health and wellbeing, My Happy Minds
- ★ **DT Week focus:**  
Structures
- ★ **Science:**  
Plants, specifically seeds and germination
- ★ **Music:**  
Composition and musical scores
- ★ **French:**  
Music

### Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ **PE days: Chestnut: Monday and Tuesday Alder: Monday and Tuesday**
- ★ Please ensure that your children come to school with a named school water bottle every day. With the weather hopefully beginning to warm up, please ensure that your child has a hat and is wearing sun cream when necessary.

Miss Kearley and Mr Kitson