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SUMMER 2024 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 1,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Spring break with your family and friends. We have written this newsletter to give you further information on the expectations and routines in Year 1 this term.

In Year 1 this term, Mr Kuliszewski will continue to teach, with Mrs Ridgeway and Mr Wild supporting, to provide your child with a safe, nurturing learning environment. We pride ourselves on having an **open-door policy**, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either in person or by email. Similarly, if I am ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with our teaching assistants.

We know we have only been back in school for one week, but I am so impressed with how well your children have settled into their class. They have shown a great attitude towards their learning and have been keen to impress; we are all looking forward to the year ahead. We have included a list of topics and a brief explanation for what we will be covering during each one in the table below.

This term in Year 1, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	Fiction Non-fiction Poetry	In English, we will be reading a variety of texts to ensure the children become familiar with a wide range of genres and understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction and Poems. We will be practising our letter formations, finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.
Maths	Unitising and coin recognition Addition and subtraction facts within 10 Fractions Time	In Maths we will focus on Unitising and coin Recognition, this will focus on money and counting in groups of 2,5 and 10. Adding and subtraction within 10 will be solidifying what they know already and going beyond the number 10. Fraction and Time are smaller units that we will do towards the end of the year but is something that we do at the start of maths lessons.
Science	Plants	In these Science units, we will learn about plants and making connections, identifying a variety of plants, naming their parts, and discovering that water is a requirement for growth. The unit of making connections will support the children into their next steps into Year 2.

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	Making Connections: Investigating science through stories	
Geography & History	Explorers The UK	In our Geography lessons, we will be looking into Explorers (maps and compasses), and we will be learning about the UK in History (Characteristics, capital cities & oceans).
Computing	Printing Creating media: Digital imagery	In Computing, we are looking how to use computers more purposefully. Log in and navigate around a computer, drag, drop, click, and control a cursor using a mouse. Use software tools to create art on the computer. We will also delve into early programming.
Art & DT	Cooking and nutrition (Smoothie, Fruit and veg) Sculpture and 3D	Preparing foods by cutting and juicing and selecting fruits and vegetables to create a smoothie to meet a design brief. Children will look at paper-based 3D art forms, focusing on techniques like rolling paper tubes, shaping paper strips, and constructing imaginative sculptures. Children develop skills in creating 3D structures and applying painting skills in three-dimensional art, enhancing their understanding of form and construction.
Music	Singing A variety of music styles	In Music, the children will practise using vocabulary such as beat, rhythm, pitch and many more. They will be encouraged to move to the music they hear and begin to share their opinions of different songs.
PHSE	Economic Wellbeing	In PSHE, we are learning explain how children might get money; explain some different ways to keep money safe; discuss the role of banks and building societies; recognise that people may make different choices about spending or saving; explain that a range of jobs exist in and out of school and that different skills are needed for jobs.
RE	Community Special Places	In RE, we will be discussing the people, places, stories, music, and other things that are special to us. We will develop our understanding that everyone is different and has different special things that are important to them.
PE	Athletics Cricket Rounders	In PE, we will be working on learning new skills for a wide range of news sports. For Athletics, the children will focus on skills like running and throwing. For Cricket, they will look and catching and hitting a ball with a bat. Rounders will also focus on these skills. As it is the summer term, the children will have more opportunity to have PE lessons outside.



Reading

All children at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard.

Maths

Please use Doodle Maths as and when you feel that your children need it. Your child's log in details for Doodle Maths will be in the front of their homework folder.

Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a **water bottle into school every day** for your child. It is important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child's name.

Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every day for snack but if your child would like an extra snack at break time, they can bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home.

PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Monday and Thursday. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and daps. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.

Thank you in advance for your help and support over the term ahead. It really promises to be a wonderful year where your child will grow in confidence and independence.

With very best wishes,

Mr Kuliszewski

Year 1 Teacher



Dates for your diary:

APRIL		
Tuesday 23 rd		Open Classrooms
MAY		
Monday 6 th		May Day Bank Holiday – No school
Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th		KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)
Friday 24 th May		Ambition Day
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024 - Half Term Break		
JUNE		
Wednesday 5 th	9:30am	New Intake parents meeting
Monday 10 th		Whole school and class photographs
Tuesday 11 th	1:30pm	1 st EYFS Transition visit
Wednesday 12 th	3:45pm	Summer Music Concert
Saturday 15 th	11am – 3pm	PTFA Summer Fete
Tuesday 18 th	1:30pm	2 nd EYFS Transition visit
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th		Year 4 Residential - Kilve
JULY		
Monday 1 st	2pm	KS2 Production Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 2 nd	3:40pm	Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School Meet and Greet with new teachers
Wednesday 3 rd	5:30PM	KS2 Evening Performance (The Venue)
Thursday 4 th	All Day	Sports Day (Uffculme School)
Friday 5 th	All day	Mix Festival (KS2 only)
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th		Year 6 Residential – Charter House
Friday 12 th		Summer Reports sent home
Thursday 18 th	2pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by BBQ on field (for Year 6 only)
Friday 19 th		Last day of term
Monday 22nd July Summer Holidays		

