



**St Alfege
with St Peter's**
Church of England Primary School

**Year 1 Class Newsletter
Summer**

WELCOME

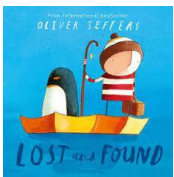


Welcome to the summer term! We have an action-packed term full of exciting learning opportunities!

ENGLISH

This term in English, children will be focusing on making sure they are using their phonics sounds to spell words. They will also be practicing sequencing sentences to produce longer pieces of writing as well as editing their own work.

Later in the term, we will be learning about polar bears and will be creating a fact-file as part of our focus on non-fiction writing.



We will then be exploring 'Lost and Found,' a fiction book about a lost penguin who becomes friends with a little boy.

PHONICS

In June, all children will sit a phonics screening check. This is done in an informal one-to-one session with the teacher and aims to assess how well children can apply their phonics knowledge to decode words.

Half the words are real words and the rest are pseudo-words ('alien' words). These words can be decoded phonetically but don't have any meaning. They are included in the check so that children have to use their decoding skills and not just rely on memory alone.

Children continue to have daily phonics sessions to prepare them for the screening check. Parents can help by ensuring they are reading regularly with their child.

MATHS

In maths, we will be focusing on place value to 100, including comparing numbers and finding one more and one less than a number.

Children will be learning their odd and even numbers, and how to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Children will also gain a basic understanding of multiplication and fractions.



We will continue to practice addition and subtraction up to 20, as well as key number facts that children need to know by the end of Year 1.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

In RE, we are learning about The Lord's Prayer, why Jesus taught this as a way to pray, and what it means to Christians.

Later in the term, we will learn about Islam, including how Muslims pray, show respect to the Qur'an and welcome a baby into their faith.

SCIENCE

In science, children will be learning to name common plants and their structures. We will also be continuing to explore the seasons, considering how the weather and day length changes over the seasons.



In the second half of term, we will be learning about light and sound, where the children will have lots of opportunities to explore light and sound sources practically.

PSHE



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In PSHE, we are learning about relationships, including different types of families, how to be a good friend and who children can go to when they need help in their school and wider community.



Next half term, the children will be learning about how they have changed and grown since they were a baby. They will also be provided with an age-appropriate understanding of the human body and how to keep themselves safe, which will be taught in conjunction with resources from the NSPCC. As part of this unit, children will be taught the scientific vocabulary for the external genitalia.

TOPIC

Our topic this term is 'The Great Fire of London,' which entails History, Design and Technology, and Art.

During our two Project Weeks, children will be learning what London was like in the 1600s, why the Great Fire spread so quickly and lasted for so long and how it changed



London. We will also be exploring the role of Samuel Pepys in the Great Fire and in history more widely.

As part of our DT unit, we will be building Tudor Houses. In Art, we will be using clay to make candle holders in the style of the 1600s.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

This term, PE will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. Our focus is dance and attack, defend and shoot.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit (white or green t-shirt with dark bottoms or shorts, and suitable footwear (trainers or plimsolls).

Please also ensure your child's PE kit is clearly labelled.

MUSIC

This term, we will be looking at two different styles of music; pop and classical.

Children will continue to develop their understanding of beat, using their bodies to create a steady beat. They will also learn to play instruments, such as glockenspiels, along to a piece of music.



COMPUTING

In computing, children will be continuing their learning about how to use a computer to create and manipulate text.

Later in the term, children will learn basic programming using Scratch Jr to move on-screen characters.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

This term, the children will have some exciting educational visits, including a visit to the beach, Mudchute Farm and Maritime Museum – further details to follow!

HOMEWORK

Reading – please continue to read daily with your child.

Your child may also be provided with a list of tricky words that they are finding difficult to read. Practicing these at home will help them move on the next reading level.

CLASS REMINDERS

Reading books are changed on a Friday. **Please encourage your child to bring their reading folder back every week.**

As the weather starts to get warmer, children will be taking their jumpers off more. Please ensure jumpers are labelled to avoid them getting mixed up.

Please also remember to provide your child with a water bottle each day.

Finally, please make sure that all PE kits are labelled.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Blake