



The Wonderful Whales News

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Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back Wonderful Whales

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter holiday and enjoyed some family time together. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to start their new learning and topics. Please see the other side of this letter to find out more about what we will be learning. Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check information meeting on Wednesday, I hope that you found it useful. If you would like any further information or were unable to attend and would like to know a little bit more, please do not hesitate to come and see me and I will be more than happy to answer your questions. I have given some advice below on the different ways you can support your child on the lead up to the phonics check.

My door is always open,
Miss Jarvis

Phonics Screening Check

After the half term (during the week beginning the 10th June) all Year 1 children will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check. This check assesses children's ability to read words by blending known sounds together. Within school we are taking every opportunity to support your child with their phonics. Here are some things you can do at home to support your child with their phonics:

- Complete the phonics homework that is sent home from school, encouraging your child to say the sound they have learned and use our school reading routine to read the words
- When reading with your child, encourage your child to use the reading routine to break up words into sounds if they come to any new words/words they are unsure of

Reading

Reading is an incredibly important part of a child's learning as it supports them in many areas of the curriculum. It is therefore, really important that children get the opportunity to read as much as possible in and out of school. We also ask that you could support us in this and read with your child at home as much as possible.

Once you have read with your child please remember to write in your child's orange book.

Thankyou.

Respect

Our Christian value for this half term is 'Respect'. We will be thinking about how we show respect to others in our whole school worship time as well as back in class with our class families. We will be sharing the 'golden rule' of 'treat others as you wish to be treated' with the children when thinking about respect.

Reading Routine

Spot it
Digraphs, trigraphs and split digraphs

Segment

Read the word

meet

Dates to remember

- Monday 22nd April - Earth Day Whales leading worship (parents welcome)
- Tuesday 23rd April - Marvellous Maths Workshop (details to follow)
- Wednesday 1st May - Class Photos and Eco Warriors meetings at 12:30
- Monday 6th May - School closed for the Bank Holiday
- Friday 3rd May - Hygge event (details to follow)
- 13th - 19th May - Mental Health Awareness week
- Wednesday 15th May - Reading Café for Year One
- Wednesday 22nd May - Curriculum evening (details to follow)
- Friday 24th May - School Closes 3:15pm for half term break

School attendance matters.

As you are all aware regular attendance is vital and at our school we celebrate excellent attendance. Our target is 96%. The Whales are very eager to win this prize so please can you ensure your child comes to school everyday and on time whenever they are well enough.

Thank you.