



# Y1 Newsletter

## April 2016

### English

In English we will be reading a variety of non-fiction books and examining the different features these books have. Children will be able to develop different types of non-fiction writing such as reports and recipes.

We will continue to develop the children's confidence in using the correct punctuation and a variety of conjunctions to join their ideas together such as 'and', 'because' and 'so'.

### Spellings & Phonics

- <http://ferndaleprimary.co.uk/ferndalewordpress/>

The children have made great progress learning about letters and the sounds they make. The children can read and spell many new words which is brilliant! Keep practising and keep up the good work.

**Just a reminder -**

Websites you can use to help your children:

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) (ebooks & phonics)

### News

P.E will continue to be on a Friday. Please make sure that P.E kits remain in school all week.

All of the children's belongings are **clearly labelled**.

Homework will be sent out on a Friday. Home Learning Logs will be sent out every 3 weeks. Please ensure that all children return their Home Learning Log once they have completed the activity.

### Maths

In Maths we will continue to secure the children's understanding of number and place value, making sure that children know what each digit represents in a two and three digit number.

### Topic

**Geography** - Houses and Homes.

Children will examine different types of homes and their features.

**RE** - We will be learning about Holy Books in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Sikhism.

**Science** - We will continue with our plant topic. Children will be planting and examining different types of plants. Children will carry out and observe science experiments.

**Art & Music** - Skills will be developed through the Science/Geography and English themes.

## Continuous Learning

**Writing-** Children must remember to always use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their sentences.

**Handwriting** - Ensure that letters are started in the correct place, formed correctly and that letters are written of a consistent size on the line.

**Reading HFWs** - Play games to help children to remember and read the words from the Reception and Year 1 word lists.

**Number Recognition and Counting** to count forwards and back from 100 and being able to write numbers correctly.

## Dates for your Diary

**11<sup>th</sup> April-** Teacher Training Day.

**18<sup>th</sup> April** - This week we will focus on the Queen's Birthday! (more details nearer the date

W/C: **18<sup>th</sup> April** -Phonic meeting: (see letters)

**5<sup>th</sup> May-** school closed due to elections.

**10<sup>th</sup> May-** Y1 Botanical Garden trip. More information will be given out nearer the date

**June 2016-** Y1 Phonic test

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** - school closed due to elections.

Children's Easter Bonnets were incredible and outstanding! We are extremely proud of the children for learning their words and for their beautiful singing throughout the assembly. Well done Year 1 for creating such excellent creations and the way you all walked down the aisle!

Thanks to all parents who attended and for your hard work in creating the Easter Bonnets.

**The Year 1 Team**