

Year One and Two Summer Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Easter Holiday and that you are all refreshed and ready for the Summer Term!

Much of the work for the coming term will be based around our theme of Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside! (Please see the attached Mind Map.)

In Literacy we will be looking at recounts, story writing, character descriptions, setting descriptions, non-fiction writing, poetry and rhyme and instruction writing. The Literacy work will be based around texts including 'Commotion in the Ocean', 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', 'Secrets of the Seashore', 'Tiddler the Story Telling Fish' and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.' In Year Two in line with end of year expectations in Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar, children will be focusing on nouns, verbs, and adjectives, the use of subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions and using a range of punctuation correctly throughout all of their writing.

In keeping with Supersonic Phonic Friends your child will continue to bring a book home on a Friday that they have been reading during the week in Phonics lessons. This will help them to continue to develop their skills of reading with fluency and automaticity. Your child may also choose a reading for pleasure book to share with you at home, which they can choose from our genre sections in the classroom. Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support in listening to your child read regularly. This is invaluable and your child's progress is supported by your efforts. Get Set Read will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon and your child is welcome to bring in a book of their choice or a Kindle to read during this session. If your child does bring in a Kindle they will need to hand it to their class teacher on arrival at school in the morning.

Spelling tests will continue to happen on a Tuesday in both year groups. When practising spellings with your child at home please use the say, look, cover, write, check strategy. We use this strategy in school and we find that the children retain their spellings for a longer period of time. In Year 2 your child will also continue to write a sentence for each spelling to put it into context as this also helps them to retain their spelling words.

In Numeracy, Year 1 will be looking at measurement, multiplication and division, money, fractions, time, position and direction and place value within 100. In Year 2 the children will be focusing on money, fractions, time, statistics and position and direction. Both classes will continue to do Weekly Arithmetic tests to help the children further develop their skills of calculating at speed and daily Number Sense sessions to aid fluency and recall.

Children need to wear their P.E. Kits to school on their set P.E. days. These will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in both classes. We would also like the children to bring in a spare pair of old trainers or wellington boots to be kept in school for when we do our Lilleshall Explorer Walks.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us on our class emails or by phoning the school.

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Yours sincerely,

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