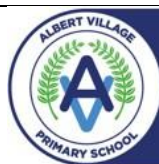


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Diamond Class Newsletter, Summer 1



Diamond Class Newsletter for Summer Term 1. This term includes the weather getting warmer as we have now officially entered spring and head into summer. Can you believe we have done 2 out of the 3 terms in Year 1 already?! This half term will surely fly by, as it is only 4 weeks long, with May Bank Holiday at the start of week 2. Here's to a brilliant half term!

Miss Armston

Keep in contact

We will continue to send out important messages via the **Arbor Parent App and emails** – please make sure you have downloaded the app and enabled push notifications on your device. Please also check your junk/spam email folders regularly. If you have a message that needs delivering urgently, please contact the school office.

Home learning

There is no formal homework in Year 1. However, we do expect children to:

- **Read regularly** each week (at least 3 times per week, but daily if possible), and record it in their reading diaries.
- **Practise the spellings** that are sent home every Friday (these are based on phonics sounds that we have covered so far in Year 1 and should act as revision. The sounds being tested should not be new learning to the children).
- **Numbots** – Please do use Numbots regularly (every week if possible) to focus on foundational addition and subtraction skills. You can access Numbots on the app or at numbots.com
- Now that they are getting older, we also encourage children to **practise simple life skills** such as tying their shoe-laces and zipping up their own coat.

Reminders

The school doors are open at 8:45am each morning. We do start learning immediately on getting into school, so please try to arrive as close to 8:45am as possible. Similarly, the school day ends at 3:15pm, so please try to be prompt for collection at the end of the day.

Please ensure that your child wears their full school uniform every day (**this includes long hair being properly tied back**), and that they wear PE kit on their PE days. They should wear either their school jumper, cardigan, or a plain black or navy hoodie over their PE

kits. On PE days, PE kits need to be worn to school, rather than being brought in a kit bag, as there is not an opportunity to get changed during the school day. **Please make sure ALL of their clothing and belongings are clearly named.**

Please send your child with a **water bottle, reading pack** and a **coat** every day. Although we are now in spring, it can still get chilly and wet, so please ensure your child's coat is suitable for break and lunch times in the Great British Weather (even if this is a light rain mac on warmer days). As the weather gets hotter, please also apply sun-cream to your child before school on days when it is appropriate and send them in with a sun-hat. This is definitely the most unpredictable half term with regards to the weather, so it is advisable to check the full day's forecast before school and equip your child accordingly.

The children in Key Stage 1 receive free fruit every day. As such, we do not allow them to bring their own snacks for break time. If your child would also like milk at break time, this will need to be signed up and paid for through the school's milk scheme.

Days and dates

Our class PE days are **Monday** and **Tuesday** this half term.

Wednesday 30th April: Y1 Phonics Workshop at 9am (parents/carers invited – please ensure appropriate childcare is arranged for any other children/siblings for this event, as this is an interactive lesson)

Monday 5th May: May Day Bank Holiday (schools closed)

Wednesday 21st May: Y1 class assembly at 9:30am (parents/carers invited)

Coming up in Summer 2...

W/C 9th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – your child's attendance is imperative this week in order to administer the national screening check

Tuesday 17th June: Sports Day (weather permitting!)

Saturday 5th July: Summer fayre

Date TBC: Y1 & Y2 Trip – more details to follow

Our learning this half term

Phonics – We follow *Sounds Write* for our daily phonics lessons.

English – Grammar, Poetry and Performance (in preparation for our class assembly).

Maths – Fractions, Geometry & Place Value within 100.

PE – 'Athletics' and 'Fundamentals'.

DT – Researching & Making Windmills.

Science – Plants.

History – Parliament & Royalty.

RE – 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?'

Computing – 'Creating media – digital writing'.

Music: We use Charanga for our music lessons.

PSHE – 'Being my best'. Support at home: <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/being-my-best>