



ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL Y1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Year 1 class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead.

This term's Context For Learning is:

Why Do Different Fruit and Vegetables Grow in Different Places Around the World?

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English

We have begun the term by reading the book, 'On The Way Home' to inspire our creative writing. Next, we will be reading 'On Friday Something Funny Happened' to learn the order and spelling of the days of the week. We will be learning and innovating the story, 'My Grandma Went to Market' which will be linked to our topic, 'Food Around the World'. Children will be learning to write letters and postcards. Later in the term, the children will be reading 'The Bog Baby' and other fantasy stories to support them with ideas when they write their own. The children will be exploring familiar themes and characters through improvisation and role-play.

We will also be looking at other related stories such as 'Oliver's Vegetables' and 'Oliver's Fruit Salad', which will be linked to our DT project of making a fruit salad.

Maths

In Maths, we will focus on counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 to 100, leading on to multiplication (grouping), division (sharing) and fractions. We will continue to develop the children's knowledge of place value for numbers to 100 and number bonds to 10 and 20. Later in the term, we will be learning and understanding the skills and concepts of 'Time' and 'Money'. There will be a focus on problem solving, so that the children learn how to use their prior knowledge to solve new problems. We will be incorporating story books and real life contexts into our maths to make learning fun and meaningful.

Geography

This term, we will be learning which fruits and vegetables grow where in the world and the reasons why. We will also look into the journeys that some fruits and vegetables make from farm to our plate. We will be comparing the weather and climates around the world and we will be making a weather station outside our classroom to study the weather in the UK. To support our learning, we will be doing lots of research, speaking and listening and role play.

Science

Our Summer term topic is Plants. In this unit, we will use the local environment to explore and answer questions about the plants growing in our local habitats. The children will plant and observe the growth of flowers and vegetables outside the classroom. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including evergreen and deciduous trees. Finally, we will be learning to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.



Music

This term, Y1 will have Music lessons every Thursday with Mr Joe Prescott. The young musicians will be learning a range of songs as part of the annual singing project here at Eliot Bank. All songs will include different tempos, range and dynamics to produce an expressive performance at the end of the term alongside Reception. Within the songs, the musicians will learn British Sign Language (BSL) and Makaton.

PE

In outdoor PE, the children will be focussing on games and partner work by using all the skills they have learnt this year such as throwing, catching and kicking along with athletics later in the term to get ready for Sports Day. For indoor PE, the children will be learning wide and narrow shapes in Gymnastics.

Art

This term, we will be embarking on a whole school art project based on The National Gallery's concept, 'Take One Picture'. We will respond to a shared theme using a medium of our choice and exhibit our final outcome at the end of the year.

Computing

This term, the children will learn to give short commands to make a robot, such as a BooBot, move, which will then lead on to giving an order of commands in a sequence and planning two programs for the robot. Next half term, we will be programming animation using Scratch Jr by designing a project, choosing appropriate artwork and creating an algorithm for Sprite.

RE

Our first RE unit will be learning about Christianity and the key features of churches. To support our learning, we will be visiting a local church. In Summer 2, we will be learning about food and how it is important to different religions.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will first focus on our physical health and wellbeing by learning about sun safety, foods associated to special times in different cultures and active games played around the world. Next half term, our topic will be Economic Wellbeing and we will learn about where money comes from and about making sensible choices on spending and saving money. We will also learn about the different jobs people do.

DT

This term the children will be making fruit salads using a variety of simple tools and equipment. They will design and make their own fruit salad before evaluating their product.

Reminders

Jewellery: The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible, your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

We endeavour to be a **nut free school**—please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. **This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto, hummus and products with sesame seeds.**

Birthdays: If you would like to make a gift of a book for the class to celebrate your child's birthday, that would be much appreciated.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, each day.

PE : Outdoor PE for **1NS** is on **Wednesdays** and **1JO** is on **Fridays**, for which your child will need a t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

Indoor PE is on **Thursdays for both classes**. Please remember your child needs a round neck white short sleeved t-shirt and navy shorts (above the knee).

Your child should come in wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

Home Learning

Your child will have learning to do at home each week. This will include:

Mathletics: This will be set each week on Friday.

Big Cat books online and books from school. We expect children to read 4-5 times a week and record this in their journal (to be signed by their parent/ Carer). Books will be changed on **Fridays**.

Phonics links will be put up on Google Classroom.

Please ensure you are using **Lexia** throughout the week.

The children have some additional challenges provided in the **'Take Away Tasks'**. Please bring these in so we can celebrate your child's work at home!

Important Dates

Half Term

Monday 29th May — Friday 2nd June

INSET Days

Friday 26th May

Monday 5th June

Friday 21st July

Trip to a local church - TBC

Sports Day - TBC

Open Morning

Tuesday 4th July

Parents' Evening

Thursday 6th July

End of Term

Thursday 20th July