



SUMMER TERM 1 YEAR 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

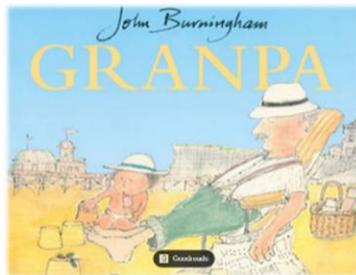
Growing a Loving, Happy and Flourishing Community

Love your neighbour as yourself. [Matthew 22: 37-39](#)
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. [John 10:10](#)

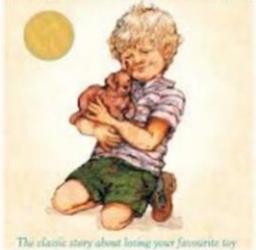
Hi everyone! We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. It is great to have all of the children back in school ready to take on the Summer term!

English

Our first focus text this half term is Granpa by John Burningham. This story is about the lovely friendship between Granpa and his granddaughter. They go on lots of exciting adventures and love each other very much. At the end of the story, Granpa can't come out to play anymore. It is left up to the children's imagination to predict what has happened to Granpa. We are aware that some children might suggest that Granpa has died. We would like to reassure you that any conversations of this nature will be handled with complete sensitivity in the classroom.



Shirley Hughes DOGGER



Our second focus text this half term will be Dogger by Shirley Hughes. This story is about the love a little boy has for his toy 'Dogger'. We can't wait to share these stories with the children and generate some fantastic pieces of writing from this. At this stage in Year 1, the

children are now expected to write at length to form short narratives. We will be encouraging the children to use adjectives to make their writing interesting and we will be asking the children to use connectives to extend their sentences. The children are now expected to read their own sentences back to check that they make sense. With support, they will also edit parts of their work if necessary.

Reading

The children have really enjoyed their new guided reading sessions in small adult led groups. The children participate in three of these sessions each week and then bring the same book home to read to you over the weekend. We hope that your child has been enthusiastic about sharing this book with you and that they are confident when reading it. This reading book will be sent home on a Friday, please continue to return it on the Monday so that we have enough books in school for our reading sessions. The book for pleasure can continued to be returned on a Wednesday.

Mathematics

In Maths lessons, we will begin to learn about Fractions. The children will learn how to find a half and a quarter of an amount and shape. Key vocabulary which we will be using includes; whole, equal parts, half and quarter.

We are then moving onto Place Value within 100. This is where children will begin to experiment with greater numbers. Children will be finding out how many tens and ones a number has and using this to help them represent numbers in different ways. Please encourage your child to count forwards and backwards within 100 at home.



Ways in which you can help at home:

If you notice your child forming any letters incorrectly at home, it is crucial that you address this and help them to form all letters correctly. When your child is writing sentences at home, please ensure they are punctuated correctly with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

It is vital that you listen to your child reading their phonics reading book which they bring home every Friday. Encourage your child to spot digraphs and trigraphs in words if they are struggling to read it, this will help them to sound it out effectively.



Topic

Our topic for Summer 1 is 'Green Fingers'. We are really impressed with the efforts you and your children put into the holiday homework.

We have received some fantastic 'Green Fingers' projects and the children have really enjoyed sharing them with their friends.

Science

During our Topic 'Green Fingers' the children will be planting beans. The children will be looking after their bean and observing it closely. They will be recording what they can see in their own bean diary.

We will also be learning about the importance of maintaining good personal hygiene within our Sciences and PSHE lessons. The children will be taking part in a germ experiment using glitter this week and we have more fun experiments lined up for later in the half-term!

Religious Education

In RE, our big question is 'How does God send messages and how does he respond?'. To help the children explore this question, we will be



sharing lots of stories from the Bible to learn about God's prophets. The children will have the opportunity to be involved in lots of role play when acting out these stories together.

Our Christian Value for this half term is **Perseverance**. In Collective Worship, we will be listening to stories from the bible which demonstrate perseverance and thinking about how we can apply this to our own lives in school and at home.

Physical Education

Our PE lessons will continue to take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. We will be teaching dance during our indoor sessions and we will be teaching athletics in our outdoor sessions. Your child must have an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times.



Your child will NOT be allowed to do PE wearing earrings. If they cannot take them out by themselves, please take them out before school.

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

This will be taking place in June. More information about this will follow.

We are always here to help so feel free to catch us at the end of the school day! 😊

Miss Rimmer & Mrs Wilson