



Old Palace Year 1 Newsletter Summer 2

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Year 1 Learning this Half Term

English	Maths	Topic	Computing	Music	RE	PE
Different stories by the same author Information fact files	Place Value to 100 Number revision	Nature Explorers	Simple programming (Beebots)	Rain rain go away (Timbre, tempo & dynamics)	What does it mean to belong to a faith community?	Athletics
			DT			
			Wood			

**Below is some key information for your child's year group.
Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.**

Keeping Safe

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents for your support in following the safety procedures. Please continue to follow the guidance including carrying out twice weekly tests at home. Home testing kits for families with primary school children are available at most chemists and can be ordered from [Schools home test kits](#). Remember these kits are only for use when family members have **NO** symptoms. If you or anyone in your household have symptoms **everyone** in the household must self-isolate immediately must book a PCR test by calling NHS 119 or by visiting [book a pcr test](#)

Please also remember that children should not be mixing outside of school. If you are making use of external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for your children, it is important that they limit the amount of providers/setting you are using, ideally limiting this to just one, to help minimize the number of people their child is coming into contact with. Parents should also check that the provider has in place their own protective measures in line with government guidance. Please see this link to [guidance for parents](#). The school is taking great care to limit contacts within school time, please do not undermine this by allowing children from different households or bubbles to mix out of school.

e-safety

As children are using digital devices to access information and complete their homework, please remember to ensure they are using them safely. For tips and advice on how to do this click [here](#) for a simple guide. It covers the use of social media (for children 13 years and over), risks of online gaming, and use of parental controls.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming to school on **Friday 11th June 2021**.

Please ensure your child is in **full school uniform**. Siblings will have their photograph taken together.

New Covid Roadmap

As of the 17th May, the current government guidance states the following:



From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet who you like outdoors



Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.



- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.



Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.



We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.



Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.



Restaurants, cafes and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.

The government will potentially announce further changes around the 21st June. For the full roadmap, please click [here](#).

Trips

Should restrictions continue to be lifted we intend to take each year group on an end of year trip. We will take the children in Year 1 to Hampton Court Palace. This trip will be paid for by the school.

Summer Fete

The annual Summer Fete will be on Friday 16th July 2021. However due to COVID, there will be restrictions in place. Should you have any queries, please look out for an invite for a zoom coffee morning where these can be answered.

After school clubs

We are in the process of sorting out after school clubs for this half term. We will be writing to you shortly with the details of these. Please reply back to the letter if you would like your child to attend a club.



Summer Term Reminder

As the weather heats up, please help us to keep the children hydrated by providing them with a bottle of water (not frozen) to bring to school each morning, a sun hat/sun glasses, and if required apply sunscreen before they come to school. If you are unsure about Summer school uniform, examples including photographs can be found on our school website. We understand that many children will prefer to wear sandals at this time; these should be **plain** and need to be **sturdy with a top and back strap** to avoid accidents caused by them breaking or slipping off. When wearing open sandals, ankle **socks must also be worn**, so the child's feet are not bare. When children are not wearing sandals, please ensure they are wearing black shoes (not trainers).



Topic

This half term, Year 1 will be learning about Nature Explorers. As part of the topic, they will look at a range of minibeasts and learn about their features, such as, legs, wings, antennas, body patterns etc. They will learn about minibeasts that live in the local environment and go on minibeast hunts. They will explore different life cycles, including the life cycle of a ladybird and butterfly. Children will also learn about wildlife in the UK – mammals, birds, fish and amphibians. They will look at the habitat of these animals, what they eat and special features (e.g. squirrels long tail).

Homework

Year 1 will receive homework on Tuesday. Please return all work on the following Monday. The homework sheets can also be accessed on Google Classroom.

Children will receive the following homework:

- Weekly spellings
- English Grammar or Reading Comprehension
- Maths

Healthy Living Week and Sports Day

In the **week beginning 12th July**, we will hold our annual Healthy living week. This will be a sequence of activities pupils take part in, which involves them learning and understanding the importance of a healthy life style. The week will also include sporting activities, where pupils take part in competitive games. Pupils will be divided between 4 teams to compete in various sports games.

KS2 sports day will be held at Three Mills Field. The wining team will be announced before the end of term. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.



Vocabulary

Every day, Year 1 have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, by taking part in 'Word of the Day'. Below are the words they will be looking at this half term. Help your child to use these words and to check they understand what they mean

Week 1	immense	wonderful	spotlight	glaring
Week 2	vacant	magnificent	passport	scorching
Week 3	stunning	frightening	iceberg	pedestrian
Week 4	precious	magazine	hailstorm	useful
Week 5	mammoth	submarine	lighthouse	unusual
Week 6	ancient	organisation	waterproof	pleasant

Half Termly Sheets

Don't forget you can check out our school website to find out about what your child will be learning, use the 'subject for half term' area where you will find useful prompts to ask your children what they have been learning.

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/subjects/>

Reading

New Bug books have been allocated for the children to read. Please remind your child to access their account each week to read one of their books and answer the questions. Each child also has a weekly library book. These are sent home on Tuesday and are to be returned on the following Monday.

Spellings

Children receive weekly spelling words. It is important you practice spelling the words with your child. Remember to:

Look, say, cover, write, check.

We have a weekly spelling test on Friday.

NTP evaluation

Our school will be taking part in the evaluation of the National Tuition programme. For more information, please click [here](#). If you are happy for your child's data to be used for this evaluation, **you do not need to return the reply slip.**

