Old Palace Year 1 Newsletter Summer 1

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Maths

Please see below the order of the topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

1. **Geometry**- Describe turns using left and right, and positions using words like forward, backward**,** in front, and behind.
2. **Number and Place value (within 100)**- Identifying and comparing numbers, using more and less than up to 100 and they will also be learning their number bonds to 100!
3. **Measure time & money-** Sequence events, use calendars, tell and compare time, solve time problems, and count coins and notes.

Link: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

English

Please see below the order of topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

1. Information Fact Files- the children will be writing 2 fact files on the different mini-beasts they have been learning about.

2. Fantasy Stories- the children will be reading the Story ***'Katie in London'*** and writing their own Fantasy Story set in London. Their trip to the Royal Mews will support their writing about the story setting.

Phonics Screening

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place the week of the 8th June. It assesses the children's ability to read using their phonics knowledge. We have been working hard in school to prepare the children.

Key dates: Parent/Child Events

Phonics Screening: 8th – 12th June 2026
Royal Mews: Monday 20 July 2026
Sports Morning: Monday 13th July 2026
Summer Fete: Thursday 16th July 2026
Parent Consultations: Tues 14th and Wed 15th July
Last Day of school: Thursday 23rd July close at 2pm

Trips

This half term, year 1 will be visiting the Royal Mews in London and then having a picnic at St James' Park. Parents are welcome to join us for a picnic. Further details will be sent nearer to the time with a map of where we will be.
We hope to see you there!
Cost of the trip: £4
Date: Monday 20 July

Other Subjects

Art- Sculptures Mini-beasts
Music – Exploring Pulse and Rhythm
Computing- Following Instructions Bee bots
Science- Nature Explorers
DT- Structures
PE- Run, Jump and Throw
PSHCE- Staying Safe
RE- What does it mean to belong to a Faith Community?

Vocabulary

Word of the day: here are the new vocabulary words we will be introducing to the children this half term. You may wish to practice these words at home!

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

Speaking and Listening Targets

This half term Year 1 will be working on;
Formal/Informal- Uses the right words in different situations.
Presenting- Plans and shares ideas clearly, looking at the audience and answering simple questions.

Be sure to check out our school's Facebook/ Instagram pages to see what we are learning each week! **@Oldpalaceprimary**