



Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Summer 1!

As a school we will be focusing on Keep Green:

Summer 1 2025

Week 1	Earth Day Turn it Off Friday
Week 2	Watering Wednesday
Week 3	Planting!
Week 4	World Bee Day Wear Stripes- World Bee Day
Week 5	Walk to School Week Walk to Hackney Marshes

Walk to school
LIVING STREETS
PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

20 May
World Bee Day

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

24 I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food

Our learning will be centred around transport this term.

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests? These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books.



Reading

This half term, we will continue to prepare children for the SATs by focusing on answering SATs-style questions using **Testbase materials** and **past SATs papers**. **Retrieval** – finding key information in a text.

After SAT's, we will be reading *The Indian in the Cupboard*, where children will develop skills in inference, character analysis, and understanding themes such as friendship, responsibility, and imagination. They will also practise summarising and predicting as they read.

Through the poetry book '*Cloud Busting*', children will explore figurative language, poetic structure, and emotional expression. They will learn to identify imagery, tone, and mood, and discuss how poets use language to convey powerful personal and social messages.

To support your child at home, encourage them to read daily and discuss what they have read, focusing on answering questions about the text. Continue to encourage your child at home to access Reading Plus using the link below:

<https://educator.readingplus.com/index.html#/n/c/2620743/usage/assignments>



Writing

In writing lessons we will focus on explanation and information texts—a non-chronological report about animal adaptations and the children learn how to:

- Organise ideas into clear sections using headings and subheadings
- Use formal, factual language to inform the reader
- Include technical vocabulary related to the topic
- Write in the present tense
- Use sentence starters and conjunctions to explain cause and effect (e.g. *as a result, therefore, this allows*)
- Include labelled diagrams or fact boxes to support the informatio

Maths

In maths lessons, children will learn about position and movement, graphs, averages, and negative numbers, they will develop key skills such as interpreting and using coordinates, understanding direction and translation, analysing and presenting data visually, calculating measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode), and confidently working with values below zero in real-life contexts like temperature and money.

History and Geography

In history lessons, children will learn about current affairs and the media, they will develop critical thinking skills, learn to evaluate sources for reliability and bias, and begin to understand how historical events shape and are reflected in modern news and society.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April Summer 1 term starts

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May Year 6 SAT's Week

Friday 16th May Wear Stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 23rd May end of Summer 1

SAT's week (12th May)

As we approach SATs week, we want to ensure that all children feel calm, prepared, and ready to do their best. Here are a few important reminders to help support your child:

- **Breakfast:** We will be offering a free breakfast each morning of SATs week. This will give children a calm start to the day and make sure they are ready to focus.
- **Punctuality:** Please make sure your child arrives at school on time. A settled start to the morning helps children feel more confident and reduces any unnecessary stress.
- **Early nights:** A good night's sleep is really important. Please encourage early bedtimes during SATs week to help your child feel well-rested and alert.

Campaign

In campaign lessons about the Circular Food Economy, children will develop an understanding of sustainability, food waste reduction, and how to advocate for positive change in their communities.

Science

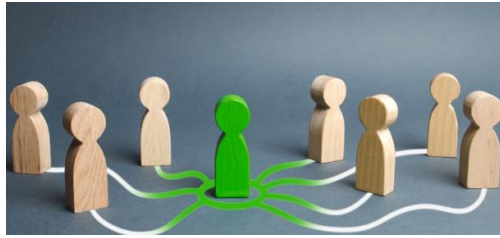
In science we will be exploring Interdependence and Adaptation, we learn about Charles Darwin and how animals adapt to their habitats.

ICT

In ICT, children will learn how to create digital media by developing skills in design, layout, and editing, while also understanding how to communicate ideas effectively using technology

PSHE

In PSHE, children will learn about relationships, they will explore how to build healthy, respectful friendships, understand different types of relationships, and develop empathy, communication, and conflict resolution skills.



RE

In RE, children will learn about the importance of Hajj and Eid, they will explore the significance of pilgrimage in Islam, the values of community and sacrifice, and how these festivals help Muslims strengthen their faith and sense of belonging.



PE

In PE, children will learn about basketball, they will develop their teamwork, coordination, spatial awareness, and ball-handling skills, while also learning the importance of communication and strategy in a fast-paced game

Class PE Day: **Thursday** Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Thursdays**.

Music

Children will explore 1970s ballad and pop music, developing their understanding of melody, harmony, and song structure, while also learning to express emotion through vocal performance and ensemble work.



Spanish

In Spanish, we shall be learning about Transport, My Trip, Travel Agency, and Check-In. Children will learn key vocabulary and phrases to describe different modes of transport, talk about travel plans, ask and answer questions at a travel agency, and practise simple dialogues for checking in at stations or airports.



Art

In Art, children will learn about photography, they will explore composition, lighting, perspective, and how to use images to tell a story or convey emotion.

Cooking

Year 6 will be learning to cook pastry! They will learn how to make tarts using precision measuring.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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