



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Bank Holiday**
Monday 1st May
- **KS1 Disco**
Wednesday 17th May
- **KS1 Sports Day**
Thursday 18th May
2pm
- **Year 1 Assembly**
Thursday 25th May
9am
- **INSET Day**
Friday 30th June
- **Reports Home**
Friday 14th July
- **Last Day of Term**
Tuesday 25th July

Summer Term is Here!

Year 1: Mrs Cook

Summer Term 2017

Welcome back to all of the parents and children of Year 1! I hope that you all had a relaxing Easter holiday and are ready for another exciting term.

At the heart of our learning this term is:

- **Holidays and Holy Days**

We will recognise that we are surrounded by people who love and care for us. We will learn that there are people who have special roles within our parish. We will also learn why Jesus is a very special person in all of our families.

- **Being Sorry**

Where we will be learning how to make good choices regarding looking after our world and how we treat God's creatures.

- **Neighbours**

Where we will question 'Who is our neighbour?' and think about our neighbours around the world, including animals and insects.

How Does Our Garden Grow?

The Year 1 children have chosen our topic for this term and can't wait to get stuck into **How does your garden grow?** We will be developing our scientific skills as we investigate what plants need to grow. The children will be challenged to grow superfoods for Traction Man. We will also investigate habitats and food chains, looking at where animals live and what they eat in order to survive.

We will visit Stonebridge City Farm in St Anne's to learn about how farm animals are looked after, what they eat and where they live. We will meet a farmer who we will ask questions in order to find out more about the farm and the animals kept there.

We will visit Glapton Woods regularly throughout this term as we take part in Forest School and an exciting art project. The great outdoors will provide us with inspiration for some art work. We will create natural art collages using materials found outside. The children will develop an understanding of colour, pattern and texture as we look closely at the flora and fauna around us.

We will also be conducting some field work in our locality as we look closely at our local

environment. We will compare Clifton Grove with Stonebridge City Farm.

Miss Taylor, our gardener will help us to plant vegetables and flowers in our garden. We will also interview her in order to find out more about how she helps the community around us.

Back in class we will be reading a range of poems, stories and information texts about animals, plants and farm life. The children will then use this as their inspiration for their own writing.

In the computing lab we will be applying our knowledge of position and direction as we write codes for a range of programmes using both computers and iPads.

Our PE lessons will be outside this term as we prepare for Sports Day. We will enjoy learning a range of skills from sprinting, relays, jumping, throwing and obstacle courses as part of our learning in athletics.

In maths we will be using and creating tally charts and bar charts, problem solving linked to the farm and measuring plants linked to our science growing.

With so many exciting things planned, we just can't wait to get started!





Forest Schools

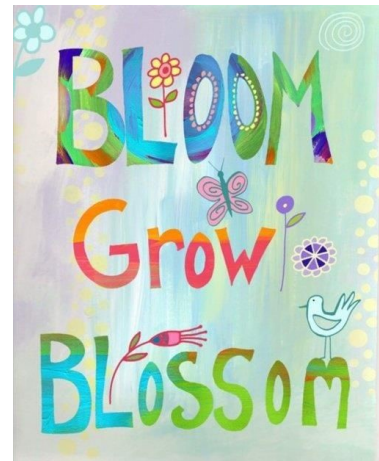
We will be visiting Glapton Woods every week. Children will need to bring a change of clothes for these sessions and wellington boots. There will be more information about this to follow.

PE

This half term our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Kit: PE kits **must** be brought into school on a Monday and will be returned on Friday. PE kits should include a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsoles or trainers and socks.

Earrings: Due to health and safety reasons, earrings **must** be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

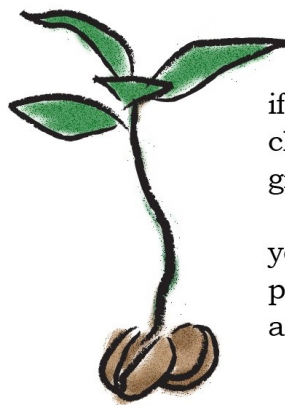


Year 1 Blog

Please check our blog regularly to see what Year 1 have been up to on their adventures. The children are keen to share their experiences with others.

We encourage you to leave comments on the blog but please remember to use first names only.

Thank you.



if you want a
child's mind to
grow...

you must first
plant
a seed.

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And finally...if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me either before or after the school day. Alternatively please see me to arrange an appointment at a convenient time.

I am looking forward to getting to know the children and can't wait to start this busy and exciting term ahead!

Mrs Cook