



Summer Term is Here!

Year 1: Miss Sparkes

Summer Term 2015

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **KS1 Class Mass**
Thursday 21st
May
- **KS1 Sports Day**
Thursday 21st
May 2pm

Rumble in the Jungle

The Year 1 children have chosen our topic for this term and can't wait to take a walk on the wild side and get stuck into **Rumble in the Jungle!** We will be developing our geography skills as we draw comparisons between Glapton Woods and the Amazon Rainforest. We will discover how the climates differ, which animals live in each location and which plants grow there.

We will find out how our local woodland areas are maintained as we meet members of the Nottingham Wildlife Trust who look after Glapton Woods.

Our scientific skills will be put to the test as we investigate what plants need to grow. The children will be challenged to grow the tallest sunflower in our Year 1 garden and will use their measuring skills as we check the growth progress.

We will be using the great outdoors as our 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.

As this is the 'Year of the Adventurer' we will be packing our rucksacks as we head to Glapton Woods for Forest Schools. We will also visit a whole range of jungle animals at

Twycross Zoo and find out more about them when we meet a Primate Zookeeper!

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

We will also use the jungle theme for our mathematical problem solving tasks.

During our computing lessons we will be programming simple applications in order to control jungle scenes.

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



PE:

This term our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. PE sessions will focus on athletics as we prepare for KS1 Sports Day.

Children **must** bring their kit into school on Monday and will take it home on Friday.

PE sessions will continue to take place outside so please ensure that your child has black plimsoles/trainers, white t-shirt, black shorts. Jogging bottoms will not be required this term as the weather is improving.

Reminder:

Earrings **must** be removed before all PE sessions and long hair tied back.



Forest Schools:

After half term we will be visiting Glapton Woods every other 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.

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.

Reading Books

Exciting news! Hundreds of brand new reading books have filled the KS1 reading shelves. The children are so excited about them and can't wait to read their books. Please leave a comment in your child's reading diary and let us know what you think of them.

And finally...If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me.

I am looking forward to this busy and exciting term ahead!

Miss Sparkes

