



Key Stage One Newsletter Summer Term 2026

**Drayton
Park
School** 

Welcome to a new term, we have a lot planned for the last part of our school year.

The children in have had a great start back; they have settled back into school life well and are showing their enthusiasm for their new topic! We are really excited to start our Super Heroes topic in the first part of the summer term and then in the second part we will be starting the topic of Kings and Queens.

Each week, check Class dojo to see what the children are learning. We would love to see the children extending their learning at home. Please make sure that the children's clothes are all named, especially as the weather is getting warmer. We always have a box full of lost property!

KS1 team

Foxes: Miss Najjar
Hedgehogs: Miss Asif
Owls: Miss Morgan
Badgers: Mrs Hinson, Mr Riggett-Roderick and Mr Myers
TAs and HLTAs: Mrs Clark, Miss Jones and Mrs Begum



Literacy

Our Literacy work this half-term will focus around the Super Heroes. We will start by focusing on the story of 'Supertato.' The children will be writing letters as Evil Pea to apologise for the mean things that he did. The children will also be creating their own superhero job description. We will also be having our own superhero day near the end of term which we will write about.



Next half term, we will be linking our Literacy lessons with our topic of Kings and Queens. We will write another job description, this time for a knight! Following on from that we will read 'The Sword in the Stone' and retell it in our own words and the children have the opportunity to use their imaginations and change some parts of the story. We will be reading non-fiction books to find out more about castles so we can write our own information texts. Finally we will be creating our own acrostic poems based on our topic.

The children will all have the opportunity to read lots of stories and non-fiction books related to these topics in our weekly Guided Reading sessions. Read write Inc will continue this term, along with Guided reading for the children who have completed the programme.

Numeracy

Children in Year 1 will continue to focus on their counting and place value of numbers to 100. They will also be looking at time; telling the time to o'clock and half past the hour. They will also look at positional language to describe movement.

In Year 2, the children will look at telling the time and measures including mass, capacity and temperature. We will be recapping the different operations and solving word problems with both 1 and 2 steps. We will also be carrying out investigations where we look at working systematically to solve problems. We will also look at direction and describe turns.

Please ensure that you are practising your child's times table target with them as regularly as possible ready for our Multi-flyers test every week. Engaging with TT Rockstars will also help with this.



Curriculum information

Science

In Year 1 we will be looking at plants; we will name the different parts, identify and name different wild and common plants. We will also look at the parts of trees and identify whether different trees are deciduous or evergreen. Then we will look at animals where we will name them, identify different parts of an animal and also look at carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We will also learn about the season of summer and changes that happen in this season.

In Year 2 the children will also look at plants focusing on bulbs and seeds and observing how they grow over time. They will carry out a comparative test to see what plants need to grow. Then we will also look at animals where we will focus on animals and their offspring. We will also look at lifecycles of different animals. We will also look at what animals need to survive.

Computing

In Computing Year 1 will look at being digital musicians and Year 2 will be using technology e.g, cameras. After half term Year 1 will look at continuing their work on algorithms and Year 2 will look at creating presentations.

History

After half term, we will be looking at the history of Kings and Queens. We will look at why castles were built and focus on the lives of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. We will look at the important parts of their lives and why they were and are important.

Geography

In Geography this half term we will be focusing on continents, oceans and the 4 countries that make up the UK. We will learn about their capital cities and key features as part of our lessons.

DT and Art

In DT this half term we are learning how to create a superhero puppet. The children will design their own puppet and then create it using felt whilst learning how to sew their material together. In Art next half term we will be designing and making our own shields where we will look at printing.

RE

In RE this half term we will be learning about symbols and how Christians and Jewish people show they belong to their religion and then in the next half term we will look at Jewish and Christian stories and their messages.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at rights and responsibilities we all have to ensure we are safe. After half term we will look at how we can keep money safe and enterprise.

Dates for your diary...

13th April—Children's first day back
29th April—Hedgehogs class assembly
6th May—Warwick Castle trip
14th May—Super Hero Day
w/c 18th May—STEAM Week
20th May—Foxes Class assembly
22nd May—INSET day
w/c 25th May—Half Term
24th June—Badger's Class Assembly
17th July —Last Day of term

Reading

Reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.

Children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. This is why we want children to read at least 4x a week at home and for that they can earn Dojos and their name on the special reading display.

Please ensure that each time you read with your child you sign their diary.

PE

Foxes: Monday and Wednesday
Hedgehogs: Wednesday and Thursday
Owls: Monday and Wednesday
Badgers: Monday and Thursday

All pupils in Key Stage One need to bring their P.E. kits (black shorts, red t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers) every Monday. Kits will be taken home on Friday for washing.

The PE cup is awarded to the class with the most children in full PE kit, so please ensure your child has the correct kit for each lesson. Every class would love to win the trophy!

Reminders

- ◆ Your child will be given spellings weekly and will need to practise them ready for a spelling test every Friday.
- ◆ The children will be given homework tasks each week. The task will be set on Mymaths. We will give you the log in information as you need it. Please ensure that they complete these tasks weekly.
- ◆ Please can you remind your child to bring their book bag and diary to school everyday.
- ◆ Every child needs to have a named water bottle in school filled with water so that they don't become dehydrated during the school day.