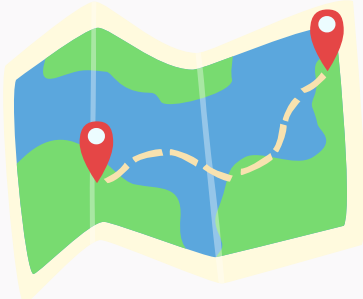


Year 1

Summer Term

Newsletter



Summer Term Topic

Our topic this term is The Woodland Warriors. We will be learning about the continents, locating the UK and Stafford on a map and understanding about climates around the world. We will also be learning about the history of Cannock Chase. Our learning will be enhanced by a visit to Birches Valley on Wednesday 1st July.



PE

PE day remains on a Friday. Please come to school in your PE kit for that day (including shorts and a hat if it is warm). We will be learning dance, skipping and athletics in preparation for sports day.

Phonics

In early June all of the Year 1 children will complete the statutory phonics screen test. More information is attached to this Newsletter.

Snacks

A variety of fresh fruit is always available everyday and the children can access water throughout the day. If you wish to send a healthy snack in for your child that is fine. Water bottles to be clearly labelled please.

Sun Cream

In the event of sunny days please send your child in with sun cream already applied. If children do come in to school with their own sun cream they must be able to apply it themselves please.



Dojo

A reminder that Class Dojo is our primary method to stay in contact with parents/carers Please make sure you are signed up.



*Thank you for your continued support,
Year 1 Team.*

Parent's information: Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

All children in Year 1 will take the phonics screening check individually during the week of 8h June 2026. It is designed to give teachers and parent's information on how the children are performing in phonics. (Video explanation link: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9KeVpryJ/Y5oI4UW9>).

What is the phonic screening check?

There will be two sections in this 40 word check (see accompanying page) and it will assess phonics skills and knowledge learnt through EYFS and Year 1. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the test at their own pace. The list of words read will be a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words)

Reporting to parents

A confirmation will be sent to parents with the result of the phonic screen with your child's school report at the end of the academic year. Children who do not achieve the expected level during Year 1 will be given further support in Year 2 and re – take the test the following June.

What can you do to help at home?

- Help your child to use 'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk' to read words.
- Practise reading sounds speedily.
- Watch the Virtual Classroom films together. Some of the links to these accompany this letter. Further links will be sent out weekly on each homework sheet.
- Listen to your child read their reading books every day.
- Practise looking for 'special friends' in words you see every day.

How do I use the Virtual Classroom?

- Set aside 10 minutes to watch a film with your child each day.
- Find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet.
- Praise your child as they join in with the lesson – make it fun!

Shared review lessons phonics links:

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