Earl Spencer Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter

Dates for Parents

13th April– School opens for pupils

28th April– Yr1 trip to Holdenby House

29th April– EYFS trip to Farm

4th May– Bank Holiday

11th May-14th May-Year 6 SATs tests

19th May– Yr 2 Trip to Warwick Castle

22nd May– Last day of term

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Supporting your child through the change to secondary school

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone in a child's life. It marks a passage into adolescence and brings about several significant changes. They will go from being the oldest in school to being the youngest, having to find their way around a large new school with different teachers for different subjects.

The *Family lives* website has lots of advice for parents to support the smooth transition from primary school to secondary school.

- Once your child has a place at a school, make sure you attend the open day arrange for new pupils. These days are vital to help new pupils settle in
- Shop for uniform and equipment in good time. If this is expensive, it may be possible to get help with the cost
- If your child feels nervous, take time to listen and reassure them that all children feel this way before starting secondary
- Travel the route to school together a few times so it becomes familiar and use the buses if that is part of the route
- Visit your LEA's website for details on assistance such as free school transport or free school meals. If your child is eligible, make sure you apply in good time
- If you are on social media, you can like the school page for updates and there may be a parent group that you can join

Curriculum

This term in EYFS:

We cannot believe that we are already commencing the Summer Term with our EYFS children, how quickly the year has gone! This term, we will be learning lots about all creatures great and small in our topics: Creep, Crawl / Wriggle & Animal Safari, On the beach/Splash.

We are eagerly looking forward to our trip to the farm and meeting lots of the animals we will be learning about.

We will be using fiction and non-fiction books to help us learn more about animals and write a fact file about an animal. Writing a simple sentence using our phonics, finger spaces, capital letters and full stops continues to be a focus of our literacy lessons. In phonics, we will continue to review Phase 3 sounds and practise our 'Harder to read and spell words" before commencing Phase 4 phonics. In Maths we will look at 2d and 3d shapes before looking at the composition of numbers within 10. In RE we will be learning about stories from different religions.

Summer 1

Animal Safari - This project teaches children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments.

Creep, Crawl and Wriggle - This mini project teaches children about invertebrates that live in their gardens and local environment.

Summer 2

On the beach - This project teaches children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the Sun.

Splash - This project teaches children about water, including floating and sinking, freezing and melting, and why it is important for living things to stay hydrated.

Transition from EYFS to Year 1 is always a big step for the children. We have already begun our transition to Year 1 with weekly visits to the classroom for a nose around and a story. We will continue this next term and also join KS1 for playtime in the afternoon, getting more used to the spaces that we will be using in September.

This term in Key Stage 1:

Key Stage One are very excited to get started with their new topics for this half term!

Year 1's topic will be 'School Days'. In this topic the children will learn about their own school and locality, both today and in the past. They will be comparing schooling in the Victorian era to their experiences today.

Year 2's topic this half term will be 'Magnificent Monarchs'. In this topic children will be learning about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. They will be using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources to build up an understanding of the monarchs. They will also be going on a trip to Warwick Castle! Keep an eye on our class pages on the school website to see all the wonderful learning we do!

This term in Year 3 & 4:

Roman emperors and understand how places got their names. In Geography, the children will be applying their skills to understand the effect of weather on the local environment. In Science, the children will be learning about the parts of flowering plants and how plants re-produce. In English, the children will be writing a narrative based on the Egyptian's and then again using the Egyptian text, they will be writing diary entries. In summer two, the children will be writing a narrative and then creating a newspaper. In maths, we will be looking at fractions then moving onto money and then time.

In year four this term, the children will be learning about Ancient Civilisations where they will be learning about Ancient Sumer and then the Ancient Egyptians. In geography, the children will be learning about the water cycle and flooding. In science, the children will be learning about electricity, learning how to create a circuit, how to fix a circuit and investigating conductive and non-conductive materials. In English, the children will be writing an environmental change narrative and then using the text Flotsam to write a secret sea creature guide. In maths this term, the children will be looking at decimals, money and time.

Curriculum Continued

This term in Year 5 & 6

In Year 5 this term we will be completing the Groundbreaking Greeks project, your child will learn about different periods of Greek history, exploring the earliest civilisations, the devastation of the Dark Age and the breakthroughs and developments of the Archaic and Classical periods. They will understand how the geography of Greece affected the development of city states and explore Athens, learning about the structure of the government and society. They will get to know some of the most significant Athenians and understand why Greek art, culture, architecture, philosophy, medicine and mathematics were so significant. To end the project, your child will decide which was the ancient Greeks' greatest idea, and explore how the legacy of ancient Greece affects their lives today.

In Year 6 the children will be learning about Britain at War project, your child will learn about the main causes of the First World War and which countries were the major players. They will investigate why so many men volunteered to fight and then sequence the events at the start of the war. Using various sources of evidence, the children will learn about life in the trenches and the consequences of new weaponry. They will listen to first-hand accounts of life on the home front and evaluate the impact of war on everyday life.. The children will also learn about the causes and main events of the Second World War. They will find out how Britain prepared itself for war and the war's impact on civilian life. They will learn about the Battle of Britain and how it proved to be a key turning point for the Allied Powers. They will also hear about Anne Frank and discover what her story tells us about the treatment of Jewish people by the Nazi Party. The children will research the causes and consequences of the end of the Second World War and investigate the legacy of the wars in Britain. Closer to home, the children will research the life of a local First World War hero who sacrificed their life fighting for Britain

Safeguarding

Just to remind all parents that we have four Designated Safeguarding Lead members of staff at the school. Any concerns related to safeguarding should be discussed with either Miss Brear, Mrs Russell, Mrs Sturgess. Ms Blunt & Miss Rowley
The telephone number to contact the Northamptonshire MASH (Safeguarding team) is 0300 126 1000.