

Year One — Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone!

We're really excited to start another fun half term full of new things to learn and explore. In Science, we'll be learning all about animals, starting with tiny creatures called minibeasts.

We'll be finding out about invertebrates - animals without backbones - and discovering where they live, how they move, and what makes them special. In History, we're going back in time to learn about castles! We'll explore what life was like in a castle and compare it to the homes we live in today. In PSHE, we're learning all about friendships and how to be a good friend. We'll talk about what makes someone kind, how we can help each other, and how to work and play together happily.

We can't wait to see everything the children will discover and enjoy this half term!



What we will be learning about:

- **Minibeasts** — Learning about different types of minibeasts, their features, and the habitats they live in
- **Castles** — Comparing homes now and in the past, discovering who lived in castles, and identifying key features like towers and drawbridges.
- **Relationships** — Talking about friendship and learning how to be a kind, respectful, and supportive friend.
- **Places of Worship** — Exploring different places of worship such as churches, mosques and temples and learning why they are special to different faiths.
- **Weaving** — Exploring basic weaving techniques using paper, fabric, or natural materials.
- **Length, Height, and Capacity**—Measuring and comparing objects by their length, height, and capacity using standard and non-standard units.
- **Expanding Sentences**—Using conjunctions such as *and*, *but*, *because*, and *so* to make our sentences longer and more interesting.

Useful Websites:

These websites will support your child with their learning.

<https://play.numbots.com/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

You can help at home by:

- Accessing Numbots and reading the book bag books.
- Going on nature walks to identify different insects and other invertebrates
- Encouraging and discussing being kind and working together
- Encourage your child to estimate and then measure things like their toys, shoes, or books
- Encouraging your children to give reasons for their ideas
- Encouraging your children to practise expanding their sentences using conjunctions when writing

Important Information:

IGM PE days are Monday and Wednesday
IAD PE days are Wednesday and Thursday
Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.

Please ensure all clothing is named.

Book Bags: Please ensure your child reads their RWI book bag book at least 3 times per week. This will help to support their reading fluency. Books will be sent home in book bags along with word challenge video's so please ensure book bags are returned to school by **Thursday**. You can record what and how your child has read at home in their yellow reading record.

Please encourage your child to practise for the Phonics Screening Check this half term. Each week, in addition to the list of spellings, you will find a list of real and nonsense words in their homework book for your child to read and practise.

Have a look at our brilliant website, where you will find other useful information and some examples of our beautiful work!

www.clapgateprimaryschool.co.uk