






# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

## YEAR 1 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SUMMER TERM 2023

### STREET DETECTIVES

It is great to see that all of the children have settled back into class after the Easter break and are excited about learning their new topic 'Street Detectives'. During the Summer term, the children will be developing their geography skills and vocabulary. We will be looking closely at Braunstone and our local area to learn all about the physical and human features within our town and city.

We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Summer Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied.

<div>HIGH EXPECTATIONS</div> <p>We expect a <b>high standard of behaviour from all children</b> which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	<div>UNIFORM</div> <p><b>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3.</b> All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform this can be purchased from Uniform Direct in Leicester City Centre or online via our website.</p> <p>Recently we have noticed lots of children have been wearing colourful headbands in their hair. We kindly ask that the children do not wear these in school.</p> 	<div>START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)</div> <p><b>This term we are having a focus on handwriting during SODA time. (8.45-9.00am)</b></p>  <p>During this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting, writing letters previously taught in handwriting lessons. For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time every day.</p>  <p>Doors open at 8:45am for a prompt start at 8.50am. The gates then shut at 9am.</p>
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<p><b>YEAR 1 CURRICULUM</b></p> <p><b>English</b> This term we will be focussing on stories with a familiar setting. Two of the books we will be reading are 'We are going on a bear hunt' and 'The Grunt and the Grouch'. These are fantastic stories we hope the children enjoy.</p> <div data-bbox="309 328 530 571" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="663 328 956 549" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>We will be doing lots of work on sentences and adjectives so any work you can practise at home with your child would be great! Here are some ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing sentences about their day using lots of describing words.</li> <li>- Writing a recount to their teacher about something they have enjoyed doing at home or a place they have visited.</li> <li>- Write about a treasure hunt or bear hunt they have been on recently, describing what they have found.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mathematics</b> We will be focusing on multiplication and division, fractions, position and direction, place value within 100, money and time.</p> <p><b>Theme</b> In the first part of the Summer Term our theme is 'Street Detectives'. This theme focuses on Geography. We are doing lots of exciting writing in theme to help us practise the skills we have learnt in our English lessons.</p> <p>In the second half of the Summer Term our theme will be 'Colourful Cultures' where we learn about Great Britain.</p> <p><b>History</b> In History the children will learn all about British holidays and the seaside in the past.</p>	<p><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b></p> <p><b>Our PE days this term are Tuesday (indoor PE) and Friday (outdoor PE)</b> PE is part of our academy curriculum and <b>we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school</b> so that they can take part in their indoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child's peg in their classroom. However, children can now come to school on a Friday already changed into their warm, outdoor PE kits.</p> <p><b>All jewellery must be removed.</b> Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson.</p>	<p><b>QUEENSMEAD QUESTS</b></p> <p><b>Queensmead Quests</b> will be given out once per half term with your child's homework book. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them to complete at least 5 of the tasks. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support. Your child will be given their pink homework book to complete the activities in or they can add photographs or pictures to this book to show us their amazing work from home!</p> <p>We can't wait to see them!</p>
	<p><b>READING</b></p> <p>In year 1 we expect children to be <b>reading for at least 10 minutes daily</b>. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.</p> <p>All children will have an ebook changed by Wednesday every week and a reading for pleasure book once per week too. Please record any reading you do in your child's reading diary. This can be books from home too or magazines etc.</p>	