





QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

YEAR 1 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SUMMER TERM 2025

CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS AND STREET DETECTIVES!

It is great to see that all the children have settled back into class after the Easter break and are excited about learning their new topics 'Carnival of the Animals' and 'Street Detectives'.

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.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS	<p>We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children 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 an online celebration assembly where achievements are shared, and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week based on our routes to resilience word 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>	UNIFORM	<p>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3. 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.</p> <p><u>Please label all uniform and P.E. kit with your child's name.</u></p> <p>P.E. will be on a Friday morning and afternoon this half term.</p> <p>Friday morning will be outdoor P.E and Friday afternoon will be indoor PE. The children will arrive at school wearing their kits. For Friday morning P.E the children will need to be wearing suitable outdoor P.E kits in line with Academy policy.</p>	START OF DAY ACTIVITY	<p>This term our start of the day activity will focus on handwriting (8.45-9.00am).</p>  <p>During this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting by writing words containing sounds they have learnt during their phonics sessions. We are learning to form each letter correctly and sit all letters on the lines.</p> <p>Children will also learn to form all capital letters and numbers correctly.</p>
	ARRIVE ON TIME		<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. We also promptly start our Little Wandle phonics and reading sessions at 9am. 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 (by 8:50am) every day.</p> <p>Doors open at 8.45am, School starts at 8.50am and the gates shut at 9am.</p>		

YEAR 1 CURRICULUM	<p>English During the Summer Term we will explore 'Rumble in the Jungle' & 'The Very Quiet Cricket', with a focus on writing riddles and innovating their own stories. During Street Detectives, we will explore 'The Grunt and the Grouch' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children will learn the stories to re-tell in sequence and then write instructions, letters, and invitations based on events from the stories.</p> <p>Mathematics During the first half term, we will be learning about Fractions and Time, as well as place value of numbers up to 100. During the second half we will learn about Money and Position and Direction. We would be grateful if you could talk to your child about money and show them the coins to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.</p> <p>Theme In the first half term, we will focus on Appreciating the Arts. We will learn about an artist called Piet Mondrian, learning about his life and his famous pieces of art. We will then create pieces of abstract art in his style. In DT during the Summer term, we will be designing and making our own animal masks. In music, we will be learning about rhythm and pitch in a piece of music called '<i>Carnival of the animals</i>'. In the second half of the term, we will look at the local area; locating features on a map; exploring the local area & finding physical & human features. We will make a comparison between Braunstone/ Leicester & Newtown Linford, exploring their similar and different features.</p> <p>Art: We will be learning about structures and sculptures and we will be creating our own 3D pieces of art.</p>	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<p>PE is part of our academy curriculum, and we expect all children to bring/wear a full PE kit to school so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions.</p> <p>All jewellery must be removed. Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson.</p>	QUEENSMOOR QUESTS	<p>Queensmead Quests will be given out this 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. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p> <p>Your child will be given their green homework book to complete the activities in or, if they no longer have their homework book, they can provide photographs or pictures on paper to show us their amazing work from home.</p>
		READING	<p>In year 1 we expect children to be reading for at least 10 minutes daily. It would be beneficial if you could listen to your child read their e-book and discuss their e-book regularly to support their understanding. The e-book is the book your child reads at school during class reading sessions with an adult and it is particularly important that your child consolidates and practices reading this book at home, online.</p> <p>Please record how well your child gets on reading their e-book in your child's reading diary. You can also comment on any other reading your child does at home, e.g., magazines and their reading for pleasure book.</p> <p>Children will be rewarded with stickers and a chance to read to our lovely school dog, Dottie each week if they read at home at least 3 times per week. The children really enjoy seeing their faces on the reading spinner and getting the chance to read to Dottie.</p>	THANK YOU	<p>Thank you from all the year 1 team for all your hard work and support at home with your children.</p>