

Summer 1 Newsletter 2026

Here comes the sun (hopefully)! Welcome back to our third and final term in Year 1.

Firstly, we would like to say a very big welcome to Ms Humphries! Although we are incredibly sad to see Miss Daly go, we are looking forward to having Ms Humphries on the team and believe that, alongside Mrs Barnett, Oak Class are in very good hands for the summer term.

This term, we will be learning about different animal groups and their characteristics. We will be joined by the Animal Club for a workshop to help us with our learning in June. We will also be learning about the Masai Mara Game reserve and comparing it to Pyrford in Geography.

We are very excited to be starting swimming, which will normally take place on **Wednesdays**. This means that our PE days will be changing to **Wednesdays and Fridays**. It is a big help if children are familiar with the changing process before swimming starts; please have a little practise at home if you can. The children should still continue to wear PE kit on PE days – please name **everything** (yes, even socks!) as we would hate for items of clothing to be misplaced.

Reading and Phonics

We are continuing to learn a new Phase 5 sound each week. These are normally alternative ways of spelling vowel digraphs which the children learnt in Reception. After half term, we will be moving on to reading passages of text and identifying spelling patterns. Please continue to read the books with your children as often as you can. They will also continue to bring home a library 'reading for pleasure' book.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Our new PE days are **Wednesday (swimming) and Friday (outdoor PE)**.
- Wednesday 6th May - Swimming starts
- Monday 4th May - Bank holiday
- Monday 18th May - KS1 Sports Day
- Wednesday 20th May - Class photos
- 25th – 29th May - Half term
- Wednesday 10th June - Animal Club workshop
- Saturday 13th June - School Summer Fair
- Monday 29th June - INSET Day
- Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 1st July - Forest School (1 class per day)
- Friday 17th July - Last day of term





Geography

Kenya

- Location of the continent of Africa & Kenya.
- Features of the Masai Mara.
- Comparing Kenya to Pырford.
- Comparing the physical and human features of Pырford and the Masai Mara.



This Half Term our Topics are:

Kenya and Amazing Animals



Science

Animals

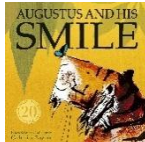


- Identifying fish, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians.
- Recognising the features of these animal groups.

English

We have a class book every few weeks to base our learning around. These often link to our topic.

- We will learn to read and write the Phase 5 sounds and associated Tricky Words.
- We will continue to read books that match the sounds we have been taught.
- We will continue to apply our sounds in our writing. We will also begin to identify which spelling is needed when there is more than one possible GPC.
- We are learning to use capital letters and full stops.



PSHE

'Being our Best'

We will be thinking about how to look after our bodies.

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What is important for Muslim families?

We will be learning that Muslims believe Muhammad (PBUH) is a prophet and the final messenger of Allah, and that the Qur'an is the sacred book of Islam containing the words of Allah, revealed to Muhammad by the Angel Jibreel.

Maths

This half term we will be learning early multiplication and division, halves and quarters, money, time, and position and direction. All new concepts are taught using the concrete- pictorial- abstract progression.

We will be:

- Using repeated addition.
- Grouping and sharing amounts.
- Finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts.
- Telling time to the hour and half hour.



PE

Outdoor Games –
Run, Jump and Throw!

Swimming Lessons
(Wednesdays)

Computing

Coding – sequences of instructions in a range of contexts including using Scratch Junior

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Food Preparation



This half term we will be thinking about fruit and vegetables. We will taste different fruit and veg and practise using knives safely.

Then, we will design and make our own fruit salad. Yum!

Music

Pitch: Superheroes



We will be learning that Sounds within music can be described as high or low sounds and the meaning of these terms.