

HELPING AT HOME

School crams as much as possible into the school day however there is much you can do at home to help and support your child's learning. Research shows that when school and home work together and children are supported in their learning at home, they do better academically than those children who solely rely on school.

Reading

Please hear you child read from their reading book at least three times a week. In addition to this read a story from a reading from pleasure book to your child daily.

Spelling

Your child will be sent home with spellings to learn each week. Please ensure that your child learns these. Practice with them and test them so they know how many they know before their spelling test. We are reviewing how we deliver spelling so this may change during the term.

Phonics

Your child will occasionally be sent home with some phonics words to practice reading real and non real words. We encourage the children to use Phonics Bug online to read books and play games selected by their class teacher. Phonics Play is another great website the children can use to play games and learn phonics in a fun way.



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Year 1 Parent Information Leaflet

Robin Class—Miss Stevenson
Year 1 Leader

Otter Class— Miss Cheeseman
Hedgehog Class—Mrs Pike and Mrs
Thorne

Assistant Headteacher for KS1—
Mrs O'Shaughnessy
Deputy Headteacher—Mrs Parry
Executive Headteacher—Mr Forber

This term is an important one for your child and *every day counts*. It is about the culmination of all of the work your child has done over the school year. Your child will sit a series of tests in phonics, reading and mathematics and will also be assessed by their teacher for writing. At the end of the term the class teacher will pull together information from your child's tests and books to write their final report for the school year.

IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PE DAYS

Robin: Monday and Friday

Otter: Tuesday and Thursday

Hedgehog: Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in on the above days.

TRIPS / VISITS / EVENTS:

Trip to New Brighton—Wednesday 19th June

PHONICS TEST

This will take place throughout the week commencing 10th June. **Please do not book a holiday this week.**

REPORTS

Due out Thursday 11th July

COMMUNICATION

Please read the **weekly newsletter** to keep informed about what is happening in school. Important information is shared on here. Check the website if your child hasn't brought one home.

For class information follow the class **TWITTER** page.

Robin: @RobinSomervill2

Otter: @OtterSomervill1

Hedgehog: @HedgehogSomerv1

CURRICULUM—What your child will be learning

English

We will be reading *The Night Pirates*, *Dougal's Deep Sea Diary*, *Grandad's Island* and *the Pirate Cruncher*.

We will be writing golden sentences that begin with a capital letter, end with a full stop and make sense. We will also be improving our handwriting.

Maths

We will be counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, working on finding fractions of numbers and shapes. We will be looking at the place value of numbers up to 100. We will be solving problems involving money and time and in geometry we will be doing simple position and direction.

Religious Education

In RE our focus is 'Our Planet'. We will be talking about who we are faithful to and how Noah was faithful to God. We will be discussing what makes our world wonderful and what our world is like. We will be researching what harms our environment and how we should care for it.

Physical Education

We will be doing gymnastics, dance and athletics.

Science

Our topic will be 'Materials'. Children will be learning about the properties and names of materials, and investigating floating and sinking.

PSHE & British Values

Living in the Wider World—Taking Care of the Environment

Our theme in Summer One is '**Going Down Under**'

We will be mainly working as geographers starting with learning about the characteristics of the four countries in the UK, their capital cities and their surrounding seas. We will then compare Wales with a region in Australia. Children will be comparing weather, native animals and human and physical features. Children will use books, photos, maps, atlases and computers to find out about Australia. Children will learn about the aborigines being native to Australia.

Children will also be working as artists and will discover traditional aboriginal art and study traditional aboriginal artists. Their own art work will focus on drawing animals and creating dot art pictures.

Our theme in Summer Two is '**Sailing the Seven Seas**'. In this theme we will mainly be working as historians finding out about the life of Grace Darling and her successes and struggles. We will do a small research project on how New Brighton is different today than in the past. Children will use their geography fieldwork skills to find out about New Brighton today. Working as artists children will create wax resist fishes and under the sea collages using a range of materials. They will also look at a range of work from illustrators of childrens' books.