



# Year 1 newsletter Summer 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first half of the summer term.

Over the past few weeks the children have been learning about materials and properties, Sikh cultures and traditions, shape, weight, length and height and stories in 3 parts. The children have enjoyed a range of workshops based upon the topics that they have been learning about. This included shape building and role play with art.

As always home/school links are vital to support the progress of the children. Year One will be continuing parent reading mornings **every Friday** from 8.50 to 9.10am. During this time you will have the opportunity to read with your child, listen to them read and ask them questions about the books that they have been reading. We are encouraging all parents to participate each week. Please come along.

As always please encourage your child to complete their Mathematics tasks and weekly homework.

Encourage your child to use the phonics app daily to support their knowledge of set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. The monster/alien words allow them to familiarise themselves with nonsense words. All of the support they receive will help them to succeed in the phonic screening test at the beginning of June. The children will need a score of 32 or more out of 40 to pass the screening.

## Gainsborough's Stars!

Children from year 1-6 will be celebrating being a "Gainsborough Star". If they meet the criteria, then they will have a special treat during their lunchtime this term. Please encourage your child to work hard at this so that they can work towards being a Gainsborough Star!

## Artefacts

To enrich the learning experiences for our children we are asking parents if you have any religious artefacts that you no longer need such as prayer beads/mats, statues, traditional clothes, etc. We will take great care of all donations.



Bow Bells and Loch Ness

## Our learning this half term

In English, we will be reading 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will be focus on story sequences, structures, the use of text, understanding/summarizing what we have read and writing stories. In Maths we will be focusing on multiplication and division, fractions, geometry, position and direction and time. For science our focus will be on parks and nature. Our topic will be music and dance. In RE we are focusing on religious symbols.

## Some key dates

**Monday 23rd April** —St Georges day children to wear red and white

**Friday 27th April**—Gainsborough ASD/C day

**Monday 7th May**— bank holiday

Mrs Agar (Year 1 lead)