

## Summer 2016 Year 1 Newsletter

### Welcome Back

Welcome back, we trust you had a lovely Easter break with lots of fun and chocolate! We are looking forward to another exciting term with so much to look forward to.

### Summer Term

Wow! We can't believe it's the summer term already and what a lot of fun we have had this year with some fabulous topics. For this summer term the topic is 'Tell Me a Story' and will focus on famous authors and favourite stories.



2016 marks the 150 years since Beatrix Potter was born, so these lovely stories will feature. 2016 also marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl so the topic seemed an appropriate way to celebrate some much loved famous children's authors.



*"The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives."*

### New Topic Coverage

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| English | <p>Charlie Cook's Favourite Book<br/>           Autobiographies about different authors<br/>           Story sequencing<br/>           Book reviews<br/>           Story writing<br/>           Wanted posters<br/>           Who am I riddles<br/>           The story of Peter Rabbit<br/>           Research about Beatrix Potter<br/>           Research about Roald Dahl</p> |
| Maths   | <p>Word problems involving characters<br/>           Weighing including vegetables from Mr McGregor's garden<br/>           Mental arithmetic<br/>           Reasoning<br/>           Timetables 2x 5x 10x 3</p>  |

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| Science       | Animal habitats/homes: Hedgehogs, rabbits, mice<br>Matching different animals to the habitats they are found in<br>Nocturnal animals<br>Senses using vegetables<br>Weather changes (creating a fair test to measure rainfall across a fixed period of time)<br>Growing plants<br>Mr McGregor's Garden (identifying different materials, their properties and their uses) |
| History       | Life of various authors<br>Julia Donaldson biography<br>Children's Laureate  |
| Geography     | Features of Lake District<br>Mapping Mr McGregor's garden<br>Countryside Code<br>Woodland Trust  |
| Art/DT        | Watercolours of Beatrix Potter characters<br>Chelsea Flower Show (Mr McGregor's garden)<br>Miniature Gardens (Plan and design in sketch books, then create)<br>Rabbit sculptures   |
| PE            | Dance<br>Acting out different animals<br>Games<br>Athletics  |
| ICT/Computing | B Bot programming robot<br>Taking and printing photos from a camera<br>Graphing on iPads<br>Class email using @ key<br>Finding and printing off research from web<br>Creating a slideshow  |
| PSHE          | Rights and responsibilities , Taking care of the environment ,<br>E Safety:Think You Know, British Values: Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs  |
| RE            | Jesus the Story Teller   |
| Music         | Music Express: Seasons, Water, Weather   |

## Thank You

A big thank you to all who attended the Family Assembly, we hope you enjoyed the afternoon, we know the children loved seeing you.

Also thank you for all the effort you put into the children's costumes for World Book Day. It was a lovely day and the children enjoyed the book related activities in their lessons.

## National Tests

This term is when the Year 2 children will take part in national tests for English and Maths alongside all other Year 2 children in the country. It is also the term when Year 1 children will complete their Phonics Screening Check. The children will be unaware when their actual tests will be taking place as we will make it as much a part of their normal school learning as possible, the children are also already familiar with taking similar assessments throughout the school year. At Lower Park we are proud of our children's excellent attendance and ask that this continues throughout the summer term so the children don't miss any important assessment dates. We also appreciate all the support you give your children and the school by completing the set homework in English, Maths and Phonics. Often parents ask if there is anything they can do to prepare their children for the tests, we simply ask that you continue doing what you are doing, and there is no need for special preparation for the tests in Key Stage 1.

## The Usual Reminders

### Homework

Homework books will come home on **Friday**; homework will be set on **Friday** and is to be returned by **Wednesday**. We are grateful for your support in helping your children complete their homework.

### PE Kits

PE days:

Mrs Hughes/Mrs O' Hara – Tuesday  
and Wednesday

Mrs Marshall - Monday and Tuesday



## Water Bottles

Please send in a water bottle each day for your child to have access to during lessons. These should be **taken home each day** and fresh water sent in.



## Reading Records

Thank you for the support you show with regards to commenting in your child's reading record. **Please aim to read with your child for 15 minutes every night and comment in their record book.**

## Library Books

Please remember to return the book to school after reading as we have a number of outstanding library books that need to be returned.



Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 1 Team

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