

# Tividale Community Primary School

## Newsletter – Year 1



Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed your Easter break.

If you have any queries arising from any matters in this newsletter or any other questions please speak to either Mrs Draper (Class 3) Mrs Shields and Mrs MacLennan (Class 4).

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Thank you for all of your efforts to get the children to school. Please make an extra effort to get your child to school on time.

### **Helping Your Child**

Please continue to listen to your child read as often as possible, ideally every day. Please also help them to learn their phonic sounds and practise reading real and nonsense words as the year 1 phonic test is due in June. Please also practise spelling days of the week and numbers to 20 in words.

### **Homework**

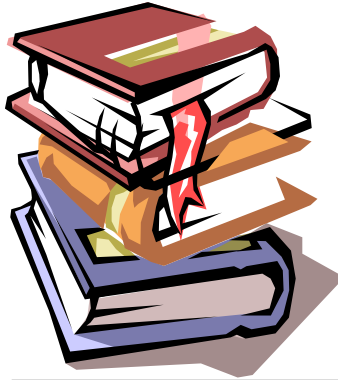
Maths and English homework will be sent as normal on a Friday to be brought back into school on a Monday or Tuesday. Spellings are handed out on Fridays to be tested on the following Thursday (set 2) Friday (set 1). Thank you to everybody who has returned their Terrific Topic homework so far, they have been a real pleasure to read.

### **Uniform/Clothing**

Many thanks for ensuring that your child wears appropriate school uniform. With the warmer weather approaching, children are removing their jumpers and these can sometimes get mixed up. Please check that your child's uniform is labelled to avoid confusion. As the new term has started, may we please ask that all children have a PE kit including blue shorts, a white T-shirt and a pair of black pumps to be kept in school on their peg until the end of the summer term. Please could you make sure that pumps are the correct size. Your child will require a sun hat and water bottle as the weather gets warmer.

## English

The children will be studying fiction and non-fiction, including instructions. Please support your children by helping them to learn their spellings and practise letter formation to follow our new scheme. Library books can be changed any day after school between 3:30 and 4:00. Reading books will be changed once a week on your child's designated day.



## Maths

In maths this half term we will be focusing on measures, calculating and problem solving. We are continuing with our short burst mental activities. Please help your child by practising counting in 1s forwards and backwards, and in 2s, 5s and 10s and learning their number bonds to 10 and then 20.

## Forest School

Thank you for your support in bringing in appropriate clothing for Forest School. The children have had great fun and have learnt so much. You will be pleased to hear we are continuing to visit Forest School until half term. We will also be having a parent session so you will be able to come along and see some of the activities the children have enjoyed. The date for this is below.

## Foundation Curriculum

This half term we will be studying the following areas relating to the main topic of 'What was the Great Fire of London?'

History	-	The Great Fire of London	PE	-	Games
ICT	-	We are Travellers	Music	-	simple composition
Art/D.T	-	Exploring different media (fire artwork)			
Science	-	Observation and investigation			
RE	-	Questions that puzzle us			

## Important Days/Dates

PE: Monday and Friday

May Bank Holiday – 4<sup>th</sup> May

School closed for elections – 7th May

**YEAR 1 SCHOOL TRIP – Aston Hall Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year One Assembly – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**Forest school parents session- Class 3 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May AM,**

**Class 4 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May PM**

Break up for half term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

School opens – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

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**Signed:**

(Class Teachers) **Date:** April 2015