

Year 1 Newsletter

Learning Challenge:

What are megastructures and why do people build them?

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a peaceful Easter. Many thanks for the kind gifts and cards we received- we are most grateful.

This short half term will be a very busy one, with lots to fit into a short time! Our new learning challenge is all about megastructures- what they are and why people build them. There are plenty in London for you to take the children to see- including many bridges and important buildings. Please send in any photos if you manage to visit any with the children.

As the weather continues to get warmer, please can you ensure that your child brings in a water bottle to school each day (labelled with their name). Children should also bring a lightweight anorak every day as the British weather can never be trusted!

Special Notices

Please ensure your child is at school at 8:55am in the correct school uniform. Lessons begin at 9am and children who are regularly coming in late are missing essential learning every day.

Values:

April: Unity

May: Happiness



Learning to love, loving to learn.

Summer 1 2019

Class Teacher: Mrs. Copeland
Class support: Mrs. Mathiethasson

Ways to help your child at home:

- Discuss with your child the things that they have learned each day.
- Ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time.
- Encourage your child to read for at least 20 mins a day.
- Encourage your child to use Reading Eggs and Easimaths online.
- Read and discuss together the "Wednesday Word" every week.

Learning Challenge:

In this learning challenge we will explore questions like 'What is a mega structure? What are the world's most famous megastructures? Where in the world are they? What are they like? Has London any megastructures? How some of these megastructures changed people's lives? What shapes are used to make megastructures strong?

In English we will read together the story 'Willy the Wizard' by Anthony Browne to help us dream the impossible! We will also be reminded about the story of the 'The Three Little Pigs' to help us think about the best materials for building a strong house and mega structure.

In Maths we will learn to recognise and to write down 2 digit numbers up to 99. We will look at the number patterns and sequences of even and odd numbers and work out simple mathematical calculations.

Our key text:

Anthony Browne
Willy the Wizard



May is the month of Mary

Children are encouraged to bring their Rosary beads into school, as a decade of the Rosary will be prayed everyday during the month of May, starting with the Joyful Mysteries.

Important dates

- 22nd May- Learning Challenge homework due in.
- 24th May- Learning Challenge Open Event
- 10th June- Phonics screening week
- 20th June- Sports Day
- 9th July- Year 1 class assembly

The 'Million Word Gap' – the importance of a bedtime story or 5!

Did you know, young children whose parents read them 5 books a day at home enter school with **1.4 million MORE words** than children who have not been read to. This inevitably plays a large role in both vocabulary and reading development. Children who are read to at home are likely to pick up reading skills more quickly and easily.

The number of words child could hear by the time they are 5:

Never read to: 4,662 words

1-2 times a week: 63,570 words 5+ books a day: 1, 483,300 words

3-5 times a week: 169, 520 words

5+ books a day: 1, 483,300 words

Imagine the difference by the end of primary school at age 11.

For more info: <https://news.osu.edu/a-million-word-gap-for-children-who-arent-read-to-at-home/>