



Mount Pleasant Primary School  
Year 1 Half-Termly Newsletter

June-July  
2018

Our News

Year 1 have had a very busy half term! We enjoyed learning about Pentecost at Mount Pleasant Chapel and taking part in the lovely craft activities.

Our Year 1 curriculum is on our website for you to be able to see what we will be learning but some of the highlights will be: in history we will be continuing to investigate the ways in which communication has changed; in geography we will be continuing to investigate the rainforest environment; in science we will be investigating animals and which special groups they belong to; in art we will be investigating portraits; in music we will be listening to sections of Fantasia. We will continue reading and working on The Jolly Postman and we will also be looking at the fairy tales featured in this story. We are also very excited to be reading the story version of A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare- there are some very naughty fairies featured in this story!

You can support your child this half term by:

**Reading**

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home. Please keep hearing your child read regularly: children who read regularly really do make speedy progress.

It would be lovely if you and your child could look at fairy stories; especially talking about the settings of these stories and the characters. We have been working on extending our vocabulary so that our reading comprehension improves and so does our writing.

Regularly practising reading the phonics sounds is also essential this year, as we work on our phonics every day at school. The Phonics Screening check is carried out during June. Please continue to help your child with their phonics at home. Remember: **Children who read well, do well!**

**Writing**

Our focus this term will be writing a three part story, using a variety of punctuation. We will also be looking at vocabulary and using it to improve our writing. Children will also be encouraged to join their sentences with conjunctions. We will also be reminding the children that every sentence needs to begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop.

We also need to encourage the children to really focus upon showing letters clearly as they write so we can see the difference between capitals and tall letters and the lower case (small) letters.

**Spelling Challenges:**

We will continue powering through our Spelling Challenges next half term.

**Maths**

Our focus this half term will be measures.

Measuring and weighing ingredients at home would help your child understand the concept of mass (weight) and capacity (measuring liquid). As well as using other measuring tools for example a measuring tape, ruler, height chart etc. to understand the concept of length. Please challenge your child to find evidence of measures on different packaging too.

Thank you for your continued support at home, it really makes a difference!

**Maths Challenges will now take place on a Monday.**

You can find maths challenges on the parent section of the website.

**Believe it, Achieve it!**

 Let's Celebrate! 

Class Stars of the Week:

Stars of the week:

Archie, Jupiter

Writing Star:

Poppy P, Libby

Reading Star:

Archie, Haiqa

Maths Star:

Jessica, Ayesha

Super Maths Challenger:

Isobel, Evie-Mai

Handwriting Star:

Oliver, Jupiter

Sports Star:

Liberty, Rukaiya

Maths Challenges:

*These children have moved on with their challenges—well done!*

Harry, Joshua, Evie-Mai, Liberty, Shay, Jayden, Rukaiya, Charlton, Jamie, Alfie,  
Owais, Ellis, Alex, Sonny.

Spelling Challenges:

*These children have moved on with their challenges—well done!*

Jaya, Ethan, Emelia, Jayden, Ffion, Amber, Maddison, Jamie, Scarlett, Libby, Alex,  
Jordan, Sonny, Rupert, Tai, Amara, Scarlett.

Pupil of the Month

Scarlett

Kindness Award

Jamie

## Let's Celebrate!

### June/July/August Birthdays

A very happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday to:  
Oliver, Laiba, Haïqa, Jupiter, Evie-Mai,  
Jaya, Liberty, Jessica, Emelia, Leyna-  
Sophia, Rupert, Harry.



### Dates for the Diary

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June – Science Week/Phonics  
Screening

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Scootfit

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Wizard of Oz  
Production

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Arts Week

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Learning

Journey/Meet Your New Teachers 3-4pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Reports go home

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Parents  
appointments if required.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Break up for Summer

### Outstanding Learner

In order for children to be an outstanding learner they must adhere to all of the criteria:

- always be ready to learn
- always complete home learning tasks (reading, spellings and maths challenges)
- show pride in their work and appearance
- collaborate well and help others
- demonstrate independence using '3 before me'
- demonstrate a positive attitude to all learning
- be a good role model and inspire others

### Visits Out

*We will also be visiting the chapel again and visiting Brierley Hill Library too.*

Look at our fabulous garden! Year 1 have green fingers!

