



**Mount Pleasant Primary School**  
**Year 1 Half-Termly Newsletter**

Nov-Dec  
2017

**Our News**

We have had a very busy start to Year 1 and it is lovely to see the children trying their best, working hard and being successful! They have really enjoyed our visit to Mount Pleasant Chapel this term, where they were able to take part in a variety of Harvest crafts. The staff at the chapel commented on Year 1's lovely manners and behaviour. They have also thoroughly enjoyed cooking in D.T. this half term, baking Catherine Wheels out of pastry. The children tasted their creations, one was sweet and the other was savoury and all were very tasty!

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 finding out what it was like to be a Mount Pleasant pupil in Victorian times; in geography we will be investigating where we live and the weather; in science we will be investigating the different seasons and the human body; in DT we will be making moving puppets; in music we will be listening to Peter and the Wolf.

**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: it really does help their learning immensely. Just a few pages each night will have an impact on their reading skills.

Regularly practising the phonics sounds is also essential this year, as we work on our phonics every day at school in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening which takes place in June 2018.

There will be a Phonics Workshop for parents on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at**

**2:15 - 3pm or**

**6 - 6:45pm**

which we hope will help you to help your child with their phonics at home.

Remember: **Children who read well, do well!**

**Writing**

Our writing this half term will focus on forest settings and our visit to Hartlebury Castle and Museum, after which we will be describing the scenery and recounting our visit. Any writing your child completes at home please pop it in with them so that we can celebrate their successes.


**Spelling Challenges:**

We will be starting Spelling Challenges next half term as we have practised them ready for the real thing!

Year 1 Challenge 1 will be our first focus. We will be starting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and then every other Friday after that. You can find the challenges on the parent section of the website.

**Maths**

We have been looking at identifying tens and ones in two digit numbers up to 100. To help your child understand this concept, please look at 2 digit numbers with your child, and ask them to tell you how many tens there are in each number and how many ones there are in each number. Cut out the tens and ones attached and practise.

E.g. T O  
 2 4

Tens: 2 tens = 20  
Ones: 4 ones = 4

$20+4=24$

Please pop in and see us after school if you need any support with this.

**Believe it, Achieve it!**

 Let's Celebrate! 

Maths Challenges:

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

Harry, Tai, Oliver, Archie, Isobel, Megan, Jordan, Alfie, Haíqa, Poppy R, Poppy P, Shay, Alex, Ayesha, Leyna-Sophía, Emelía, Evie-Mai, Sonny, Maddison, Daisy-May, Aaron, Jamie, Libby, Ellis, Lacey-Mae, Amara, Elise, Jaya.

Pupil of the Month

Amber and Maddison

Kindness Award

Jayden and Jacob

## September/October Birthdays

A very happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday to:

Hooria, Jamie, Scarlett, Alex, Leo,  
Joshua, Charlton.



## Visits Out

We are organising visits out to enhance our curriculum this term. After half term will be visiting Hartlebury Castle and Museum to learn about a Victorian childhood and Victorian toys. The cost of this visit will include the coach, insurance and learning activities provided by the museum. The cost of visits can no longer be subsidised by school and so we hope that you can support us in order for this visit to go ahead. Details to follow.

## Dates for diary:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Phonics Workshop for parents

- 2:15pm - 3pm or 6pm - 6:45pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Cinema visit

- Learning Journey Night 5pm-7pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Parent Appointments 3:15pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Parent Appointments 5pm-7pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas performance - Year 1  
parents invited, approx. 9:15 am start

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas performance - Year 2 parents

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas

## Education City

Education City will now contain homework activities for English: Reading and Writing, linked to areas of study. There will also be Science and Maths activities posted for children to complete too. All children should now have received their password enabling them to access the site from home. Enter "Education City" into Google and choose the Login section, then enter your child's user name and password. Your child should then be able to access their home learning. If your child is unable to access this at home please inform a Year 1 member of staff.

## P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Could we also ask that all children have a correct **outdoor P.E. kit**, made up of a blue tracksuit (jogging bottoms and a fleece jumper or jacket) and trainers, and an inside P.E. kit made up of blue shorts, black pumps and a white t-shirt? Also please could we ask that earrings are removed if your child is unable to do this themselves?