



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

**Apr-May**  
**2018**

**Our News**

Year 1 have had a very busy half term! We enjoyed learning about Easter at Mount Pleasant Chapel, particularly all of the craft activities we took part in. Thank you for your support with our Easter assembly; the children worked really hard practising and polishing their performance and they were fabulous!

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 investigating the ways in which communication has changed; in geography we will be investigating the rainforest environment; in science we will be investigating the structure of plants; 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 be also looking at the fairy tales 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 information texts such as recipes and instructions (maybe for a board game).

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 in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening which takes place in June 2018. 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 recipe and instructions. We have read and followed a recipe and the result was some very tasty pizza! We will also be looking at vocabulary, using it to improve our writing. We will also be reminding the children that every sentence needs to begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop.

**Spelling Challenges:**

We will continue with Spelling Challenges next half term.

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

**Maths**

Next term we will be focussing on shape and fractions - continuing on from what the children have learned about multiplication and division already.

You can help your child by continuing to practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables starting at any number. Please see Education City for activities based around these tables.

Another essential part of our curriculum is the rapid recall of number bonds to 10 and 20, both addition and subtraction calculations.

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

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:

Shay, Poppy P., Scarlett, Harry

Writing Star:

Charlton, Tai, Amara, Shay

Reading Star:

Tyler, Megan, Jayden, Jupiter

Maths Star:

Rupert, Megan, Laiba, Poppy R.

Super Maths Challenger:

Raphael, Ethan, Ayesha, Scarlett

Handwriting Star:

Jack, Jupiter, Ellis, Liberty

Sports Star:

Sonny, Jamie, Aaron, George

Maths Challenges:

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

Daisy-May, Haiqa, Hooria, Owais, Maddison, Poppy R, Libby, Ellis, Leo, Alex, Raphael, Sonny, Rupert, Jaya, Emelia, Jayden, Ethan, Ffion, Phoebe, Ayesha, Leyna-Sophia, Poppy P., Lacey-Mae, Aaron, Amara, Jamie, Scarlett, Rukaiya, Liberty, Archie, Alfie, Megan, Laiba, Charlton.

Spelling Challenges:

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

Alfie, Jaya, Haiqa, Shay, Owais, Aaron, Charlton, Isobel, Ellis, Oliver, Emelia, Daisy-May, Jupiter.

Pupil of the Month

Tai

Kindness Award

Shay

## Let's Celebrate!

### April/May Birthdays

A very happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday to:  
Sonny, Amara, Jack, Alfie, Shay



### Dates for the Diary

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School Opens  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Rainforest Dave  
Thu 3 May - Voting Day - School closed  
Mon 7 May - May Day Bank Holiday  
Thu 24 May - Inset Day - School closed  
Fri 25 May - Inset Day - School closed  
28 May to 1 June - Half Term

### 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

These children have achieved the outstanding learner award:

Isobel, Liberty, Ellis, Libby, Leo, Oliver, Alfie, Alex, Sonny, Jaya, Ethan, Harry, Emelia, Laiba, Jayden, Ffion, Haiqa, Daisy-May, Phoebe, Jessica, Shay, Evie-Mai, Jacob, Reon, Leyna-Sophia, Ayesha, Rukaiya, Poppy P., Amber, Hooria, Maddison, Poppy R., Lacey-Mae, Aaron, Tai, Jamie, Scarlett.

### Visits Out

*We are organising visits out/visitors in to enhance our curriculum this term. 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. Rainforest Dave will be visiting us in May, (more details to follow) this is always an amazing day which we are very excited about!*

*We will also be visiting the chapel again later in the year.*

