



April 2016 KS1 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the Summer term our work will be centred around water habitats and the seaside, past and present. Please see the plan on the reverse of this letter. A maths pirate day is planned during which the children can dress up as a pirate for the day – more information to follow later.

We will be visiting Kingsbury Water Park for a ranger led activity to develop the children's knowledge at first hand - we will be looking at the life cycle of a tadpole, investigating what a plant needs to grow, and identifying animal features and habitats.

Please continue to hear your children read on a regular basis as this gives them a great advantage. Don't forget to ask them questions about what they have read – especially using the little prompt books you receive when your child goes onto free readers. We would also be grateful if you would help your children learn their spellings, which are given out each Friday for a test on the following Friday in Y1 and Monday for Y2.

We have much appreciated the help given by parents this year, and would like to thank particularly those who have come on visits, and those who have come into school to help on different occasions.

Suggestions of places to go/activities to do over the next few weeks, in order to reinforce school learning:

- Find out facts about whales – Y2
- Talk to your child about the flowers you see on the way to and from school.
- Look for minibeasts in your garden or by visiting Ensors Pool.
- Visit Riversley Park – where wild birds can be seen and, if you are lucky, squirrels.
- Hartshill Hayes is a wonderful resource for discovering the countryside. (Admission is free – but you do have to pay for car parking).
- 'Conkers' is a real treat – especially if you take your cycles!
- There are many websites for children relating to animals – be aware of e-safety!
- Finding up to date information about animals in danger would be a great activity.
- Visit the library – take out books on living things – perhaps bring them to show at school.
- Take photographs of living things and research them to make a factual poster.
- Making an album would also be great fun.
- Look for frog spawn in ponds – Y1

We hope your children have a happy and successful term to complete their experience in Years 1 and 2.

