



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

## YEAR 1 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SUMMER TERM 2022

### BEASTLY BUGS!

We hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break! It is great to see all the children back at school and looking forward to learning about their new topic 'Beastly Bugs'. During the Summer term, the children will be developing their knowledge about all kinds of Minibeasts, different plants and flowers like deciduous and evergreen and will also be learning about animal lifecycles. We will be looking closely at different types of Minibeasts or insects and looking at their similarities and differences. The children will have the opportunity to go on a Minibeast Hunt around our school grounds or in our tiny forest or pond area and we will also look closely at the different types of plants and flowers in these areas too.

We would like to share with you some other information about what your child will be learning over the Summer Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates before they are printed in the Purple Post, such as parent events or trips.

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>HIGH EXPECTATIONS</b></p>	<p>We expect <b>a high standard of behaviour from all children</b> which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly, according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>UNIFORM</b></p> <p><b>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3.</b> All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from Uniform Direct in Leicester City Centre our via our website.</p> <p>Recently we have noticed lots of children have been wearing colourful headbands in their hair. We kindly ask that the children do not wear these in school.</p> 	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)</b></p> <p><b>This term we are having a focus on handwriting and phonics during SODA time.</b> (8.45-9.00am)</p> <p>During this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting by writing words containing sounds they have learnt during their phonics sessions.</p> <p>For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (<b>by 8:55am</b>) every day.</p>  
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<b>YEAR 1 CURRICULUM</b>	<p><b>English</b>  This term we will be focussing on Stories with familiar settings; The Very Quiet Cricket, Minibeast riddles and Sam’s Sandwich. These texts will help to inform the children’s theme work on Minibeasts.</p>  <p>We will be doing lots of work on sentences, conjunctions and adjectives and using different openers in our writing. Here are some ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sequence one of the stories we share and change the characters or settings.</li> <li>- Writing a recount about a visitor we have into school.</li> <li>- Write about their favourite job and the skills they will need to pursue their chosen career.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mathematics</b>  This term we will be focussing on multiplication and division, counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s forwards and backwards, geometry; position and direction in the first half term. In the second half term we will be looking at place value of numbers up to 100, money and time.</p> <p><b>Theme</b>  In the first half of the Summer Term our theme will be ‘Beastly Bugs’ where we focus on Science. We will be learning about living and non-living things, plants and the life cycle of different animals. We will be looking closely at mini beasts and will be going on a mini beast hunt to see what creatures we can find!  In the second half of the Summer Term our theme will be ‘Busy People’ where we will focus on the jobs and careers of firefighters, Doctors, Nurses, Vets, Builders, Police Officers, Librarians and other specific roles. We will hopefully have a visitor into school, either a firefighter, police officer or vets. The children will then be able to write about the visit and information they learnt. Children are given the opportunity to talk about jobs they might be interested in for the future and learn more about them. The children will also design and make an emergency vehicle and even design a uniform that one of these job roles could wear.</p>	<p><b>Our PE days this term are;</b>  <b>Mini Grey - Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor).</b>  <b>Eric Carle- Thursday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor).</b>  PE is part of our academy curriculum, and <b>we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school</b> so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child’s peg in their classroom.</p> <p><b>All jewellery must be removed.</b>  Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson.</p> <p>Please make sure your child has a warm hoody/top for outdoor PE, especially on those cooler days.</p>	<p>Look out for our parent/carer event coming this term. This will be an opportunity for you to share your child's enthusiasm about their current theme 'Beastly Bugs' Details to follow...</p>
	<p><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b></p> <p><b>READING</b></p> <p>In year 1 we expect children to be <b>reading for at least 10 minutes daily</b>. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.</p> <p>Your child’s books will be changed once a week, once they have read them at least twice at home with an adult. Please record any reading you do in your child’s reading diary. This can be books from home too or magazines etc.</p>	<p><b>PARENT/CARER EVENT</b></p> <p><b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b></p> <p><b>W/B 16.5.22 - parent/carer event. TBC</b>  <b>30<sup>th</sup> May 2022-</b> Half term.  <b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2022-</b> Return to school.  <b>8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 -</b> Finish for Summer holidays.</p>	