

Transition into Year 1

The children will take part in a number of planned transition sessions, where they will visit and spend time in the Year 1 area. The children will also have in class 'circle time' discussions to ensure they are prepared and feeling happy about their transition to Year 1. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

To help support with transition we will be encouraging the children to come into the classrooms by themselves. We hope to support them in gaining independence in their self care by hanging up their own belongings and getting themselves ready to start the day.



Miss Kelly, Mrs Farrant and Mrs King



Joy Lane Primary School Year R Newsletter

Terms 5 and 6

This booklet gives a brief overview of some of the things we are learning in school over the coming two terms. We cannot believe how quickly the end of the year is approaching and we are very proud of how much the children have progressed. We look forward to more fun and learning in Terms 5 and 6.





Year R Learning Themes

In the Early Years Foundation Stage we like to follow the children's interests and ideas. We will be focusing on the following topics:

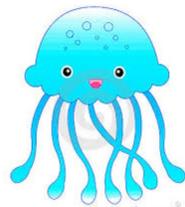
Mini-Beasts

As the weather gets warmer we really enjoy spending our time out and about on the school grounds. We will be investigating the changing seasons and will see what new mini-beasts this may have brought to our environment. We will be developing a Mini-Beast hotel and heading out on Mini-Beast hunts. Through investigation in our role

play areas we will be developing our understanding and vocabulary further. Both fiction and non-fiction books will be used to support our learning and we will enjoy dancing along to some bug themed songs. We really enjoyed our Bug Road Show visit, it allowed us to get up close to some larger Mini-beasts. To end our topic with a celebration we will be organising and attending our own Ugly Bug Ball!

Under the Sea

During Term 6 we will be exploring the theme Under the Sea. We will be learning about rock pool, sea creatures and animals using non-fiction and fiction books. We will also use Pirate themed stories to inspire our writing, reading and role play. There will be lots of creative opportunities; designing maps, telescopes, pirate hats and patches. During Term 6 the children will be taken on a whole year group trip to our local beach. We will walk to the beach with our buckets and spades ready to explore, paddle and have a picnic.



Reading

Thank you for supporting your child at home with their reading. The children are becoming much more confident in their reading skills and we are so pleased to see such enthusiastic readers. As the children's skills continue to develop we will be focusing on the fluency of their reading, reading words on sight and reading sentences as a whole.



The children will continue to receive phonics sessions daily. We will be completing Phase 3 Letters and Sounds. During Phase 3 children are introduced to 'digraphs' and 'trigraphs' two or three letters working together to make one sound (ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er) please support your child in recognising these sounds when reading instead of the individual letter sounds.

Writing



This term our focus for most children will be sentence writing, ensuring we use finger spaces between words and a full stop to finish our sentences. We will be writing in a range of contexts beginning with Mini-Beast descriptions and Mini-Beast hunt packing lists.

Mathematics

Over the next two terms we will be covering doubling and halving, sharing and counting in 2s. We will continue to consolidate our subtraction and addition skills, using manipulatives and number tracks to help us find the answer. During our Space, Shape and Measure topics we will be learning to create and recognise pattern and develop our knowledge of both 2D and 3D shape properties.