

# Year 1/2 News

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## What a busy first week to the summer term!

This week we have been exploring our new focus text in English 'Grandma Bird'. We have been using skills of questioning, prediction and inference related to the story and characters. As part of our 'No Outsiders' theme, we have read several books including key themes of: diversity, inclusion and friendship. In our history, we have been getting to know the royals... in preparation for the upcoming coronation! We are really looking forward to a super summer term of learning!

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Gerry, Miss Brown and Miss Dowd

## Word of the Day

Each day in class, we focus on one 'Word of the Day'. These words are chosen in order to support children developing a wider vocabulary, help them access a text being used in reading lessons and encourage adventurous word choice when writing.

Next week, year 1/2 will be focusing on the following words:

**windswept   deserted   anxious   coronation   monarchy**

Perhaps your child will use some of these in conversations at home!

## HOME LEARNING

**Reading** – Children should aim to read at home for 15-20mins daily. This may be reading to an adult or independent reading. Please record reading in the reading record.

### Maths –

Year 1 – Please practise your number bonds to 10 and 20 using the following link:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> or you could simply write your facts on a piece of paper and show an adult!

Year 2 – We are beginning to look at money, please could you support your child in identifying different coins and notes, exploring ways to make the same amount using different coins (crack open those money boxes)!

**Optional Extras** – Sometimes children are keen to do something extra linked to their learning. We will give ideas but there is no requirement to complete these tasks.

In science we have made a class rain gauge to further our learning about weather and seasons, if you would like to create one with your child here is a video you can follow:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdeKdT0nwow>

## PHONICS FOCUS:

Next week, year 1 will be continue to focus on the /air/ sound. This sound can be spelt at: air, are, ear, ere and eir.

Year 2 will be focusing on recognising and spelling the year 2 common exception words. It would be great if you could quiz your child at home to see how many they know! If you are unsure on the year 2 common exception words, here is a link to follow: [https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/50/37/10bf76a2-c1dd-42e6-88af-0686acd91609/CommonExceptionWords\\_Y2.pdf](https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/50/37/10bf76a2-c1dd-42e6-88af-0686acd91609/CommonExceptionWords_Y2.pdf)

## Reminders / messages

As it is the beginning of a new term, can we please remind you to label all of your child's uniform, PE kit and PE bags...

We are making a windsock in science this week. If you have any cardboard tubes (loo roll, kitchen roll) please could you send your child in with one please?  
Thank you!