

# Year 1 and Year 2 Summer 2 Newsletter

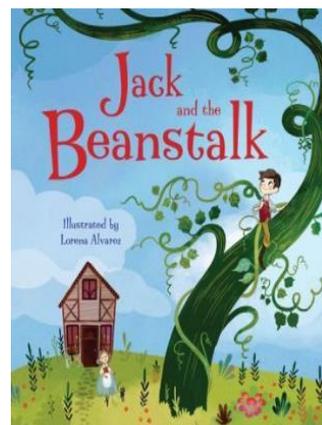
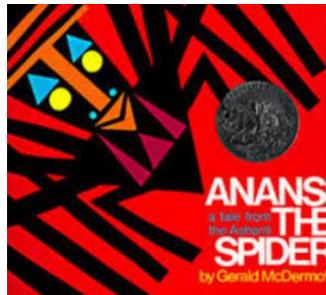
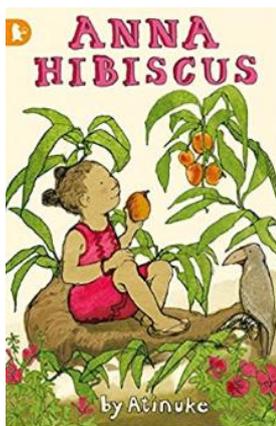
Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are in the final half-term of the academic year! We hope you have had a relaxing holiday and have been able to enjoy the outdoors a little more.

Firstly, a big thank you and well done to all the Year 2 children who completed their KS1 tests last half term. We are all very proud of the children and their fantastic learning attitudes, we really are very lucky to be able to teach such amazing children! The results will be included in their end of term reports.

## "What's it like to live in Africa?"

The driver for our topic this half term is Geography and our main focus for Year 1s will be hot and cold places, with year 2s comparing our own locality with a place outside of Europe. This links in with Mrs Pettifer's upcoming trip to Bunkpurugu to see how the school building is developing!



The texts we will be looking at are Anna Hibiscus and Anansi the Spider. At the start of the half term we will also be looking at the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk as part of our 'Summer Watch Week'. Please continue to share any favourite books from home linked with the topic, we always love hearing about what the children are reading and are keen to keep the children talking about books.

## Year 1 Phonics screening

This half term the Year 1 children will be tested on their phonic knowledge using the government Phonics Screening materials. This will take place **week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> June**, so please ensure your child is in school every day. The testing is very informal and the children are used to the process so we are looking forward to the children wowing us!

### Dates for the Diary

Please check diaries for special stickers about what's going on in school. Key dates and messages will appear on the school website, whole school newsletters and on Parent Hub.

### Sunshine!

We like to take advantage of being outside as much as possible in the Summer term so please ensure that you have selected the permissions and signed in the back of your child's diary. We also ask that the children are sent with a hat and a water bottle each day.

### P.E.

Please can we remind parents and carers to ensure that your child has their PE kit clearly named for our PE lessons, we are still finding lots of items of clothing that we are unable to reunite with the right child due to no name being written in it.

- PE kits stay at English Martyrs' for the half term and then are sent home for washing in the holiday.
- We will have PE on a **Thursday**.
- If your child wears earrings please can they be removed on Wednesday evening/ Thursday morning before they come to school otherwise they are unable to take part in P.E.
- As the weather warms up please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing.

### Important information

- Please refer to your child's diary or school website for current targets/outcomes and homework.
- The term's planning can be accessed on the school website.
- Snacks sent to school need to be healthy and children can be sent with a water bottle that can be topped up throughout the day from our water filters.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*Kind Regards*

*Miss Sweeney and Mrs Ellis.*