



# Lowry Newsletter

Term 5 April 2017

## Dates for the diary:

May 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday – School closed

May 24<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Parent Lunch – info to follow from Principals

May 26<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Service 2.00pm at the church

May 26<sup>th</sup> End of Term 5

June 5<sup>th</sup> Inset Day no children to attend

June 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 6.

June 12<sup>th</sup> Phonics Screening Week

June 14<sup>th</sup> Sports afternoon (June 21<sup>st</sup> Reserved sports afternoon)

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – KS1 trip.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Inset Day no children to attend

July 22<sup>nd</sup> End of Term – THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN!

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## Things to remember... (Weekly timetable)

Monday pm – PE with Miss Copping

Wednesday am – Homework due in

Wednesday am – PE with Mr Sapp.

Friday pm – Homework will be handed out.

## Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday. We have lots of exciting things coming up this term.

### Topic – Local Studies

We are going to discover all the wonderful things in Newington! This will involve lots of walk out around the village finding out about local landmarks including the school, church and amenities, local farming and produce, and the village history. We will be joining forces with Year 2 and going for walks on some Tuesday afternoons, so please be mindful of the weather and send your child into school with appropriate clothing. A huge effort has been put in to make this an exciting topic for the children, so we are encouraging family and friends to discuss the experiences and memories of the village with their child.

### Phonics

Throughout the year, the children have been working towards 'The Silly Sounds Competition' (Phonics Screening). We have been doing daily practises of blending real words and nonsense words together to develop their understanding of phonics and, in essence, their reading skills. The class understand that this is NOT a whole class competition but rather a competition with themselves to better their score. We have been celebrating everyone's achievements and have instilled ambition in the whole class to work hard. We hope you can continue this at home. Please feel free to come and ask about resources that could help at home. The class enjoys using online games from website such as Phonicsplay.com which can be accessed at home for free. The phonics screening will be taking place the week beginning Monday 12th June.

### Literacy

We will be continuing with the Power of Reading scheme work. Lowy class have loved the stories they have read so far and have enjoyed developing the literacy skills through them. So, I am confident the class are going to be excited by the next 2 books, Beegu by Alexis Deacon and The Dairy of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine.

### Numeracy

The class will be developing the wide range of numeracy skills they have been covering throughout the year. We are now progressing with our understanding of place value and working up to 100. We will achieve this by using an array of resources and practical activities to progress with counting, partitioning and calculating.

### Science

Throughout term 5 and 6, our class will be learning about Plants. Children will be taught how to identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees, and determine whether they are deciduous or evergreen. They will also learn the basic structure of a variety of common plants including roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. We will be doing lots of outside learning by growing potatoes and flowers, walks round the school field and local areas.

### PE

This term we will be completing Athletics activities, learning and developing skills in jumping, throwing and running ready for our sports day in June. If your child attends a club that requires a PE kit, then this MUST be returned the following day. Spare PE kits are not provided. Children must wear: white t-shirt, blue shorts/bottoms and plimsolls/trainers. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings must be taken out. If children need to be excused of PE for medical reasons, could your child please bring in a note of absence.

### RE

This term our class will be studying Judaism. We will begin by looking at stories of Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and Esther, followed by the customs of Judaism and finally Pentecost. During the summer term we will be 'Living the Christian Life' and discovering the important values to our school and the Christian way of life.

### Home Learning

One piece of homework will be given out on Friday and is due back in by the following Wednesday. I must stress that homework is not intended to cause upset or difficulty. We would also encourage children to read to a family member daily, this will also help with their phonics.

Kind regards,

Miss Copping, Mrs Mitchell and Miss Baptiste