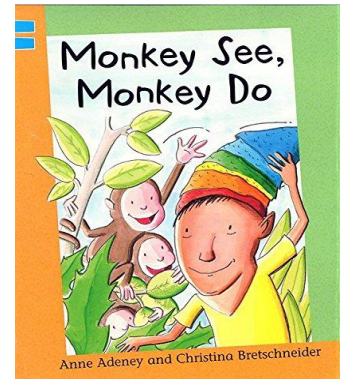


Year 1/2 News Summer 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new Summer term. We hope that you and your family enjoyed a restful Easter. We are pleased that the children have returned to school enthusiastic and ready to learn. We began the term with a traditional Indian tale called Monkey See, Monkey Do! We are really enjoying learning the story and exploring how to develop a character for our own story writing.



What will we be learning about this term?

We will continue with our Forest School on Thursday afternoons; the children have really enjoyed these sessions engaging with nature and learning new skills. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school as well as coming to school on a Thursday wearing suitable clothing for spending time outdoors. As the weather warms up, please apply sun lotion daily and provide a sun hat too. Shorts are not suitable in the woodland even in the summer months.

In our History topic, Movers and Shakers, we will learn about people who are historically significant and use the words year, decade and century to describe dates and times. We will study the life and impact of a significant person in the locality and of other significant individuals from around the world. We will study some people in more detail such as Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, and significant activists Emmeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks. The children will also carry out an independent study of a significant person from the past and learn about people who are significant today.

In our Science topic, Plant Parts, we will learn that plants are living things that grow from seeds or bulbs. We will observe, photograph and identify various plants growing in our school grounds. Each child will choose one plant they would like to study for the project's duration. They will observe how their chosen plant has changed over time and record their findings.

Our second science topic is Habitats. We will learn what a habitat provides for the plants and animals that live there and that habitats contain both living and non-living things. We will use spotting sheets to identify plants and animals from a woodland habitat by carefully observing their physical characteristics. Your child will learn about food chains and construct their own food chains for the woodland habitat.

Within these subjects we use knowledge organisers to support our learning. The children have copies in school and we refer to them regularly within lessons, focusing on the key vocabulary. You can find all our knowledge organisers for this term under the knowledge organisers tab on our class page. Perhaps you could ask your child to tell you about some of the key words and what they mean?

We have some exciting events coming up this term along with some key assessment dates. Further information on assessments will be shared nearer the time.

- 6th June – New Mills Carnival
- 8th - 12th June – year 1 phonics screening checks and year 2 resits
- 19th June – Summer Fair!
- Class trip – Date to be announced

Homework

The children are set spellings each week, a paper copy of the spellings is sent home each Friday to be tested in school on the following Friday. Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home, we are seeing a real passion for reading developing within our class.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to a member of the team. We can also be contacted by email catht@st-georgescofe.derbyshire.sch.uk.

With best wishes

Mrs Tiffany