

Year 1 Summer Term - Parent Information

Welcome to the Summer Term!

We are looking forward to our final term and have lots of fun things planned. Please see our Year 1 Summer Overview (available on the website) to see what we will be covering across the different subjects. We will continue to provide lots of opportunities for the children to explore their learning through play and we will try to deliver more of our teaching outside making use of our wonderful school grounds. Please ensure your child has sun-cream on and a hat available in school on hotter, sunnier days.

PE days

Beech Class—Monday and Wednesday

Pine Class—Wednesday and Friday

. Please ensure your child wears well fitting trainers or pumps on these days in addition to their PE kit. This should consist of black bottoms or shorts and a white or purple school t-shirt. Earrings should be removed before they come to school or plasters used to cover them if they cannot be taken out. Sports day is planned to take place on Monday 17th June 9.30am-11.30am. You are welcome to come along and cheer for your child!

Belongings

Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled using a permanent pen. Drinks bottles and ALL clothing needs a name including hats and coats, shoes and trainers if possible.

Seven Learning Skills of St Margaret's Academy

We have been using the 7 skills across all of our lessons and the children are becoming more familiar with them. Ask your child about the different skills and what they mean.



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RWinc and reading

Please continue to support your child by reading with them as much as possible at home. Four reads per week at home make a big difference to a child's reading progress. Reading the same book more than once is acceptable as it builds up the child's fluency and increases the speed at which they read. Record these reads with the date and a brief description in the large purple 'home learning' book. Later in the term, the children will complete a phonics screening check in school. We work hard to make sure that this is carried out in a fun way. You will be informed of your child's score in their end of year school report.



What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps your school confirm whether your child has made the expected progress.

How does the check work?

- Your child will sit with a teacher he or she knows and be asked to read 40 words aloud.
- Your child may have read some of the words before, while others will be completely new.
- The check normally takes just a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit. If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

What are 'non-words'?

The check will contain a mix of real words and 'non-words' (or 'nonsense words'). Your child will be told before the check that there will be non-words that he or she will not have seen before. Many children will be familiar with this because many schools already use 'non-words' when they teach phonics.

Non-words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the non-words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

During the last few weeks of the school year your child will have 3 separate opportunities to spend some time with their new year 2 teacher. We believe this is an important part in ensuring that your child returns in September excited for their next academic adventure.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We are looking forward to the term ahead.

Mrs Tandy, Mrs Chivers and Mrs Posey.