

Welcome to the Key Stage 1 newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

As always, the time has flown since I last wrote to you and Key Stage 1 have been as busy as ever.



Both Year 1 and Year 2 are fully immersed in their new Spring term projects and are enjoying the learning opportunities they bring.

Year 1's 'Bright Lights, Big City' project started with a mystery hat flying into school and being found in the Year 1 classrooms. Monkeys and Tigers used their detective skills to investigate where the hat had come from and who it belonged to. The clues led the children to the book 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. Since the discovery, they have been busy finding out about the famous London landmarks that feature in the story whilst developing their writing skills at the same time. In their Design Technology lessons, the children have continued with the 'London' theme by designing and making their own black cabs using recycled cardboard boxes. The final models look fantastic and the children were able to use vocabulary such as chassis and axles when discussing them. Well done Year 1!

Meanwhile, Year 2's 'Coastline' project has seen the children develop their understanding of human and physical features in coastal towns across the United Kingdom. They have compared the coastal town of Whitby with their home town of Dunstable and used compass points to describe the position of landmarks on a map. In art and design, the children have developed their understanding of shape and form by sketching a variety of flowers and making a 3D rose using clay. They were delighted with the end results. Well done Year 2!

Mrs Norris

Friday 7th February 2025

Home Learning Expectations

1. Daily reading with an adult (see Home Reading Record)
2. Choice of an activity from the foundation home learning grid - a minimum of one per week per half term.
3. Choice of an activity from the mathematics and English home learning grid - a minimum of one per week per half term.
4. Discuss the weekly vocabulary grid with your child. Talk about the meaning of the words, put them into spoken and written sentences and practise spelling them.



If Shapes Could Talk

Click on this link to watch Zebra Class feature in a live author event-'Kids Ask Authors Answer'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1F28N5b_Xo



Diary Dates

Friday 14th February - Children break up for half term
Monday 24th February - Children return to school
Friday 7th March - World Book Day
Monday 10th March - Zebra Class assembly
Tuesday 11th March - Year 2 open classroom
Thursday 13th March - Nigerian Cultural Day
Tuesday 25th March - Year 1 open classroom

What's been going on?



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Flowerhead



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KS1 Science Club with Mrs Fox

Our KS1 Science Club have been diving into some awesome experiments!

Floating and sinking raisins

Ever wondered why raisins float in fizzy drinks? It's all about density and air trapped in their wrinkles! Watch as they rise, pop and sink in this fun fizzy experiment!



Capillary Action

We explored how liquids travel up narrow spaces. From paper towels to plants, capillary action helps liquids defy gravity. It's science magic in action!



Germs and Handwashing

We learned how germs spread and why washing our hands is so important! A fun experiment showed just how easy germs can spread and how we can stop them with a good wash.

It's hands-on science at its best, and our budding scientists are loving it! Stay tuned for more fun experiments in the weeks to come!



Achieving Excellence Together

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) workshop

Attend a free ESOL workshop at
Dunstable Children's Centre to
enrol onto accredited courses.

If English isn't your first language, you can start accredited ESOL English courses with Bedfordshire Employment and Skills Academy (BESA), part of Central Bedfordshire Council.

ESOL courses will build your confidence using English in everyday life, education and employment.

What does the workshop cover?

Join a free taster workshop so you can enrol onto an accredited ESOL qualification. At the ESOL workshop, you will be supported to:

- try some activities to give you an idea of what the accredited courses will cover.
- complete a short assessment to identify your current English level.
- complete an enrolment form so you can start an accredited course.

When and where is the workshop?

- **Dunstable South Children's Centre (LU5 4AS) on Monday 10 February 2025, from 9:30am to 3pm.**

What courses can you progress onto?

You must attend an ESOL workshop before you can enrol on an accredited course. After the workshop, you can will be enrolled onto an ESOL course in speaking and listening, reading or writing skills.

ESOL courses will be running at Dunstable South Children's Centre from February 2025.

What is the cost?

ESOL courses are **free** subject to meeting entry requirements and funding conditions. You must be at least 19 years old in Central Bedfordshire or Bedford Borough and meet all funding criteria.

Register your interest to attend the ESOL workshop

You **must register your interest** to attend the workshop. Please complete an **online enquiry form** at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/besa-contact-us and select 'ESOL'. You will be contacted by phone or email once your enquiry has been processed.

For more information or support, contact BESA at

Web: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/english-courses

Email: BESA@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



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KIDS IN ACTION'S

HOLIDAY CLUB

Tuesday 18th February
Thursday 20th February
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