



# Charlton Kings Infants' School

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Dear Year 1 families,

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break and that you and your children are looking forward to the busy term ahead! The children have learnt so much about the world around us and they regularly amaze us with their knowledge and questions! This term, our school theme is 'Let's Explore' and in Year 1, we will be thinking about 'Who explored our oceans?' If you have any model boats at home that we could borrow, please do let your child's class teacher know. As scientists, we will be learning about materials. Throughout the summer term, if you have any unwanted clean recycling products, please send them into school as we will be using them to make sculptures! As artists, we will be studying different seascape artists, including Hokusai and Katie Wyatt, and encouraging children to share their own opinions of different pieces of artwork. In our geography work we will be naming the oceans. As historians we will be learning about famous explorers from different periods of history and what they discovered about our incredible oceans.

### Read, read, read...

As a reading school, we are committed to ensuring all children develop as fluent and engaged readers. We want to continue to support you as we work together to develop a lifelong love of reading for your child. A crucial part of developing this passion is regular practice at home. Our home learning policy asks that children are heard read every weeknight. Please do remember to record each time you read together in your child's diary. This can be any reading experience at home, we love hearing about the other books you have been reading! Class teachers will make contact with you to explore how we can support you in achieving regular reading practice at home if children are not heard regularly. We understand that every family is different and will have different routines for reading at home. If you are finding this hard, please do let your child's class teacher know and we can then work together creatively towards our shared reading goals. Equally, if you have suggestions for what works with your child, please share them through Seesaw. Any suggestions, however small they may seem, could help support someone seeking answers to their own reading challenges.

Your child's phonics folder is key in consolidating phonics learning in class, so please regularly look back through these with your child. Our phonics work this term will focus on consolidation of the past two years learning in preparation for the phonics screening check which will be carried out with all children later this term. The children will be recapping previously covered digraphs in their phonics work. It is beneficial for the children to revisit this learning to secure their understanding. We will also begin to focus more on spelling within our lessons.





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## Weather

As we move into the summer term, we hope to see more sunshine! Please make sure your child comes to school wearing suncream every day and brings a named sun hat into school. Please do not send your child to school with sunglasses.

*Please do refer to our school newsletters and the website for a full list of important dates for the term ahead. Here are some key dates for your diary:*

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Y1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Sports Afternoon

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Sports Afternoon Reserve

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Parents Evening

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Transition Day and Wednesday Wander

**We would like to thank you all for your continued support.  
The Year 1 team**

