

## Key Stage 1 Assessments:

Year 1: In June, Year 1 pupils will participate in the Phonics Check which is a national assessment of decoding in reading. As part of this, children will be asked to read 40 words, some of which are pseudo ('made up') words in order to assess how well they use their phonics skills.

### Year 2:

During May, Year 2 pupils take part in end of Key Stage 1 assessments. We refer to these as 'booklets' in Year 2, and the children have already completed some practise ones.

The assessments are as follows:

Reading Paper 1

Reading Paper 2 (greater difficulty than paper 1)

Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic

Maths Paper 2: Reasoning

It is very important that children are not absent from school before or during the assessment periods unless they are unwell. If you would like to know more about the assessments, please do not hesitate to ask.

## PROGRESS UPDATE:

At the end of each term, teachers complete assessments on how pupils are progressing in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Children are assessed as being:

- Working towards end of year expectations
- At expected standard for end of year
- Working at Greater Depth (beyond end of year expectation).

These are measured against **end of year expectations**, so do not be alarmed if your child is not yet working at national expectation for their year group. Pupils do not have to reach this standard until the Summer term.

	Working towards	Expected	Greater depth
Reading			
Writing			
Maths			

## ACORNS NEWSLETTER



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Mrs Walker  
Ms Reynolds

## OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you and your children had a fantastic Christmas break and have returned to school feeling rested and ready for another term in Acorns class.

As always, we were delighted with the children's projects and are in the process of using them to create a display. Thank you for taking the time to support your child with their project during the half term.

The business of the Christmas season may be over, but there is still plenty to look forward to this term. We will be learning about pirates and, as part of this, will be participating in a Science Investigation Afternoon, which will be focused on materials.

Now that we have completed our Christmas performance, our attention will turn to gently beginning preparations for the end of Key Stage 1 assessments for our Year 2 pupils and the Phonics Screen for Year 1. Please take time to read the further information overleaf.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about our curriculum or how you can further support your child at home.

Mrs Walker

### PIRATES!

In English, we will be learning how to write adventure stories. We will continue with our daily Reading Skills and Phonics sessions, as well as sessions on spelling and grammar.

In Maths, we will focus mainly on multiplication, division and fractions, as well as recapping last term's work on addition and subtraction. We will work on our problem solving and reasoning skills and will also look at 2D and 3D shapes.

Our Science lessons will focus on materials. We will learn to identify materials and how to choose the right material for certain jobs. We are very much looking forward to our Science Investigation Afternoon later this term.

In Geography we will be learning the names of the oceans and continents in the world. We will then focus on the United Kingdom, including capital cities.

In DT, we will be designing pirate flags and in RE we will be learning about Islam. Our PSHE will

