



Year 1 Newsletter

Summer 2

George Stephenson



Dear Parents,

Our new topic is all about *George Stephenson* and the impact of his work on the railway. We will be writing fact files about *George Stephenson* and becoming an engineer by designing and building our own vehicle in design and technology. **Could all children please bring in a shoe box for this project please?** I can keep them in the class room so bring them in ASAP. We have a trip booked for Friday 11th July to the Discovery Museum where we think about the Stephenson's and their locomotives. We think about how a steam engine works before exploring more about the Rainhill trials. The children then take part in the Discovery Museum trials. Working in small groups they buy materials for and build an air-powered locomotive. We test these to see who can travel the furthest and fastest across the classroom.

PE

PE is still on a Wednesday and Thursday where we will be focussing on athletics and games.

Reading at Home

Please encourage your children to read at home and ask them questions about what they have read. Please sign their reading diary so they can change their book and ensure reading diaries are in school every day. They will have the opportunity to change their books **every Monday** if they have read at home. Reading at home really does make a difference to your child's fluency and understanding even if it is just for 5-10 minutes a day.

Homework

Maths Homework - Calculation booklets will be sent out after the phonics screener.

Weekly Spellings/ Phonics - Weekly spelling test on a Friday, spellings set on Spelling Shed and seesaw the week before. This will resume after the phonics screener.

Water bottles - Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Supporting your child at home

Encourage use of the school website for useful websites to support your child's learning. Especially Hit the Button for number bonds.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Arkley and Miss Turner.

