

# Year One Newsletter

April 2012

## Dates for your diary!



Educational Visit to The Black Country Living Museum: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Please complete the consent forms and return to your child's class teacher. Without this consent children will be unable to visit the museum.

Victorian Workshops, running from 1.30-3.00pm: 1Y Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May.  
1R Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.  
1B Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

The Workshops will be based on our Victorian Learning Focus, following our visit. Children will need to come to school dressed as a Victorian school child that day.



## A Royal Pageant!

As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations we will be holding a Royal Pageant around the buccaneer ship! The children will be designing and making a boat for the Pageant.

We need your help please! We are asking that each child brings one or two boxes into school (about the size of a shoe box or tissue box) by the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Many thanks!

## Learning Focus, Summer Term.

In **English** the first week was spent writing **information texts** and learning about **labelling** when we planned our fruit kebabs. We are preparing for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations by writing **invitations** to a garden party, making **posters** advertising a street party and making a **congratulations card** for the Queen which we are going to post to Buckingham Palace! Following that we will be **researching information** in preparation for our trip to the Black Country Living Museum.

In **Mathematics** we have been looking at **patterns and number sequences** and will be continuing to improve our **counting** skills. In particular we are improving counting forwards and backwards in ones, twos, threes, fives and tens. We are **adding** and **subtracting**, learning number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 as well as revisiting **3D shape** and **money**.

In **Science** this half term we are going to look at **plants and animals** in the **local environment** including a local environment walk. Later on we will be learning about **magnets**. In **Music** the focus is **pulse and rhythm** and we are learning the **National Anthem**! In **Art and Design** we are making **paintings** and **drawings** of the Queen and royal family as well as examining the work of the artist **LS Lowry**. In **Design Technology** we have made **fruit kebabs**. We will also be **designing and making boats** for a royal pageant and **sewing samplers** to link with our learning about Victorians. In **History** we will be learning about **Victorians** culminating with our trip to the **Black Country Living Museum** and our **Victorian workshop**.

This term in **PE** we are enjoying **Dance** with Beccy on Tuesday afternoons and **Games** on Thursday mornings with Chris Coley. Sports clubs for Year One have now finished.