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Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1

Spring Term 2018

Dear Year 1 Parents/Carers

Spring Term

Welcome back to a new term - we hope you all had a wonderful break.

During these first few days back, the children will be doing a **History** topic where they will be finding answers to the question 'What was life like when our Grandparents were children?' This unit will focus on learning facts about the past and how life has changed. In particular we will look at how toys, school and items in the home have changed. We will present our findings in the end of term class assembly.

During the second half of the spring term we will be focusing on a **Geography** topic called 'What are the Seasons?' This will enable the children to learn some new skills in investigating the climate, weather changes around the year and the impact this has on nature.

In Literacy, the children will continue to work through the Ruth Miskin's 'Read, Write Inc. programme developing skills in writing, comprehension, spelling, handwriting and vocabulary. The reading books will continue to be sent home every three or five days (depending upon your child's group). Please continue to share these books to develop your child's expression, pace and fluency.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes every day (this doesn't always have to be their school book) and note that you have heard them in their yellow record book. The reading record books will be checked daily and a reward system is in place for children who read at least 5 times a week at home.

Spellings

The spelling lists will continue to be sent home every Wednesday. Please practise the spellings ready for the class test the following Tuesday. Some of the spellings will be repetitions from last term to enable the children to really cement these spellings and begin to use them independently within their writing. There are lots of practical ways to learn the spellings - please see the sheets inside the spelling books if needed. The spellings form part of the Year 1 "common exception words" or tricky words.

If you do have any concerns at any time about work or anything else, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Maths

We will continue to use the "Maths No Problem" workbooks. We are learning the facts to 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and beginning to use some doubles and halves.

The children will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, looking at some tables with information in and answering facts about them and learning some length mass and height measurements.

The maths games will continue to be sent home on a Thursday. Please return the games on a Wednesday so we can check the resources ready for the next child.

Science

In science the children will be learning about the seasons. We will be measuring the outside temperature and thinking about cold winter weather.

The children will take part in music lessons every Monday and Tuesday afternoon this half term. After half term they will have art with Mrs Retter.

P.E. will take place on a Thursday morning with Mrs Churchill. The children will be taking part in some dance, gym and multi-skills activities and will need warm clothing as some of the sessions will be outside.

Mr Goodman delivers the children's computing teaching. The children will be continuing to develop their programming skills with "Scratch".

We continue to look for positive learning behaviours in children which are rewarded every Monday in our Celebration Assembly. The children are always so pleased when they earn a mention for their hard work.

As always, thank you for your support.

Mrs Reid and Mrs Gabb