



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1 Summer Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

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

During these first few days back, the children will be doing a **Geography** topic where they will be finding answers to the question 'What will we see on our journey around the world?' This unit will focus on the different animals found in the rainforest, the desert, the city and coastal areas. This will link to our visit to Axe Valley Wildlife Park on Wednesday 18th April. The children will present what they have learnt in the end of term class assembly.

After half term, the **RE** focus is "Why is our world special?" The focus here is on exploring the ideas of caring for the world. Children consider implications of the idea of God as the Creator who cares for everyone and of Hindu ideas of respect for mother earth. They learn how Humanists tell the story of creation. The children will explore some of the mysteries and wonders of the natural world through poetry and symbolism and how people might show they care or don't care for the planet.

In Literacy, the children will continue to work through the Ruth Miskin's '**Read, Write Inc.**' programme developing skills in writing, grammar, comprehension, spelling, handwriting and vocabulary. We will also be developing the children's handwriting skills with daily handwriting sessions. The children will also have opportunities to write about our topic and we will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and our Year One common exception words (CEWs).

In Numeracy, we will continue to teach the "Maths No Problem" scheme and will focus on number, place value and calculations involving division, fractions, counting in 10s from any given number to 100. The children will also be learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, statistics, measures including capacity and time as well as solving some word problems. We are keen for all the children to be secure with the number bonds to 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 extending to 20.

In Science this half term, we will be teaching the children about plants, identifying and naming a variety of wild and garden plants. The children will learn about the basic structures of plants and conditions for growth.

In Music we will be looking at pitch and learning to develop this through using movement, voices and instruments. The children will also be introduced to French this term. We will be looking at animals, numbers, colours and teaching some basic conversation skills.

Please note that during this first half term, Mrs Churchill will teach PE each Thursday.

Mr Goodman continues to deliver the computing programme.

Homework

Maths games will continue to be sent home each Thursday. Please return the games each Wednesday ready for changing.

We ask that you hear your child read on a daily basis as this will develop their reading, fluency and comprehension skills. As always, please note that you have heard them, with any relevant comments, in their Reading Record. The Read, Write, Inc books will be sent home after the third read in school. Picture books will be sent home on a Friday. Children will continue to receive the real and alien words each Wednesday to practise reading.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Reid and Mrs Gabb