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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We had a great spring term and are looking forward to having a marvellous summer term.

English

Phonics and Reading: We will continue to teach phonics daily and the phonics screening check will be carried out in the week beginning Tuesday June 7th. Please support your child by continuing with daily home reading and fast words as daily home reading makes a huge difference to the progress your child makes in all areas of the curriculum. It is lovely to read the comments you write in the reading record books. We will also continue with the Reading Journals. Your child can choose a new book from the KS1 library on the day they return their journal. The discussions you have about likes, dislikes, patterns and puzzles is helping to develop strong skills of deduction and inference, which will serve your child well as they move up and through school.

Writing: We have started the term off with the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', this term we are continuing to focus on building up our writing stamina. The children will continue to write their sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop (or question mark and exclamation mark). We will also be using descriptive language to make our writing more interesting for the reader. After completing their writing, the children must re-read it to check it makes sense and spot their own mistakes and correct them. I know they can do it!

Spelling: We learn spellings in our phonics sessions when we are learning about letters and their sounds. This term we will focus on adding -ed and -ing to change verb tenses; adding -s or -es to make words plural; adding the prefix un to change the meaning of words, and adding -er and -est to make comparisons.

Handwriting: We are beginning to learn the first handwriting joins and I am very proud of the children for the care they are taking with their handwriting. A copy of our letter formations and joins can be found on our school website by [clicking here](#).

Maths

A sound grasp of basic number facts is essential for children when they are working on calculations and problems in maths. This term, we are continuing our work on number facts for all numbers up to 100, doubles and halves and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be doing more work on addition and subtraction, as well as work on money, shape, fractions, division and multiplication. It would be wonderful



if you could try to tell the time (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to) at some point each day with your child.

Science

Our new unit is all about plants. We will learn the different parts of a plant and will be busy in the school allotment planting our seeds and watching them grow. The children will plan and carry out investigations about what plants need to grow.

Computing

The children will continue with programming using Scratch Junior, which will build on the Beebot programming from last term.

History

We want to find out about traditional seaside holidays of the 50s, 60s and 70s. If your child can talk to anyone in their family to ask them questions about holidays they went on when they were a child, it would compliment the work we are doing in class.

Geography

We will be learning about animals and their habitats. The children will explore five of the continents and find out about pandas, penguins, sharks, swallows and elephants. They will also find out what the landscapes are like and why they live there.

Art and DT

We will be working on producing pictures using collage techniques. The children will study the local artist Lucy Pittaway and use her pieces as inspiration for our work. In DT, we are going to be making a fruit salad. The children will learn about the wide variety of fruit available; how it is prepared; how to create a fruit based dish and the role of fruit in a balanced diet. Children will use the knowledge they gain to plan and make their own creative fruit dish.

Music

We will be singing some simple songs, chants and rhymes from memory e.g. Boom Chicka Boom, Dr Knickerbocker and Kye Kye Kula. The children will explore pulse, beat, rhythm and pitch and compose our own pieces of music. We will enjoy listening to a selection of music and find out about the stories behind the pieces.

R.E. & P.S.H.E

This term in RE, we will be learning about how we should care for the world and others and why it matters and also about who Christians believe created the world. In P.S.H.E, we will learn about sun safety, our body, personal hygiene and diet and exercise.

P.E

These lessons take place on a Monday and Thursday. Children need a PE kit of shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls. We will develop our ball skills by playing different target games and then have fun by playing basic invasion games. IMPORTANT - Due to changes in health and safety guidance, we can no longer allow children to



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wear any form of earring during PE lessons. Please ensure that, if your child wears earrings, they are able to take them out independently or they cannot wear earrings on PE days. If your child requires any regular medication (inhaler and spacer, epi-pen) please ensure it is available in school and in date.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am in the playground at home time for quick questions and appointments can be made for anything that needs a longer chat. Please note that due to Government legislation leave will not be granted for holidays unless there are extenuating circumstances.

I am confident that we will have another very successful term, working together, to ensure your child achieves their full potential during their time in Year 1.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C. McAdam



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