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Dear Year 1 parents/carers,

Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Summer (1st half)

Message from the teachers

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a restful Easter break. The next half term is full of exciting school events to look forward to such as the King's Coronation Celebrations. This letter will briefly outline some of the learning that year 1 will enjoy exploring through the first half of the summer term.

Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

Year 1 Staffing

Redwood class teacher: Mr Hackman

Ash class teacher: Miss McAuliffe

Year 1 learning support assistants: Miss Boyle, Miss Dempsey and Miss Perez

Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

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Homework

Each child receives a printed copy of the homework every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following Friday.

As mentioned in the previous curriculum letter, we have been using the 'Read Write Inc' approach to teaching early reading and phonics. Every Monday your child will be given a phonics book to practice reading at home. Please return the book to school on Friday of the same week.

Library

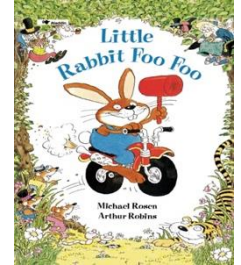
We are so pleased that every Wednesday, Year 1 classes will be able to visit the new school library. Children will have the opportunity to borrow a book. Please ensure that these books are returned by the following Wednesday.

Summer Term Learning

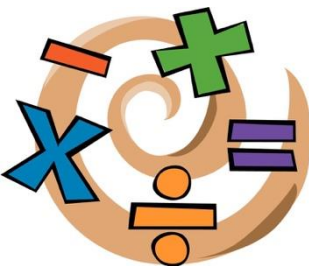
This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

English

Year 1 will be reading 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' by Michael Rosen, a story about a misbehaving rabbit who ignores warnings and faces the consequences for his actions. We will use this idea to write 'warning tale' stories, where a main character is warned three times to behave themselves and there is a consequence for not doing so.



Mathematics



In maths this half term, we will be learning about multiplication and division, where the children will revisit counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and making doubles. They will learn how to group and share equally and how to make arrays. Later in the term, we will also learn about fractions.

Science

The science topic this half term is called 'Plants'. The children will use their previous learning from the unit 'Plant Detectives' to assist them in growing their own plants and in thinking about what they need to do to help those plants grow.



History



The history unit this half term is called 'Greatest Explorers'. In this unit, the children will investigate the lives and journeys of five explorers from various eras: Ibn Battuta, Captain Cook, Roald Amundsen, Captain Robert Falcon Scott and Sunita Williams. They will study an explorer from different perspectives, discussing what makes an explorer 'great', and who might not think that.

Art & Design

Sculpture and 3D: Paper play is the art & design focus for this half term. Year 1 will be using their hands to manipulate a range of modelling materials, including paper and card. They will also develop their skills in measuring, cutting, and adding decoration. The unit will conclude with each class producing a collaborative structure of a giant spider.



Physical Education

P.E. will be taking place in Year 1 on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure you send your child to school wearing their P.E. kits on these days.

The outdoor P.E. unit this term is focused on running and jumping. The children will develop their understanding of different ways of travelling and different types of jumps. They will learn to travel at different speeds by walking, jogging, running and sprinting, and develop an understanding of when these speeds are most useful.

The indoor P.E. this term is called 'Gymnastics: Traditional Tales'. This unit of gymnastics provides opportunities for the children to learn and practise a variety of skills, including travelling movements, rolls, jumps and balances. Each lesson is based on a different traditional tale and uses the characters and story ideas to provide opportunities for children to develop control, agility and coordination.

Religious Education



Year 1 will be learning all about Religions and Rituals in their R.E. lessons this half term. The children will learn about what rituals are and how they differ to routines. They will think about the non-religious rituals they do every day or at special times and then learn about some important rituals in religions. The children will also explore the rituals associated with prayer for Muslims, worship for Hindus and Holy Communion for Christians.

Music

We are very fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school every Wednesday to teach Year 1 music lessons, focusing on singing and percussion.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Relationships' is the PSHE unit for Year 1 this half term. We will discuss the important relationships the children have in their lives such as family and friends and why those relationships are important. The children will also recognise those who help them in their daily lives.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Ms McAuliffe and Mr Hackman
Year 1 teachers