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Year 1/2 Spring Term Curriculum Letter.

Dear Parents,

Can I start by wishing you all a happy New Year. It's a bit strange being back in Year 1 and 2, but I'm looking forward to spending some time catching up with all the children.

This term we will be covering:

English

This term we will be focusing on writing adventure stories and information texts, before moving on to write explanation texts, recounts and instructions. The grammar and punctuation focus for each year group will be:

Year 1- Use finger spaces, capital letters, full stops and introducing question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences. They will learn about regular plural noun suffixes –s or –es (for example, dog, dogs; wish, wishes) including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun.

Year 2- The use of subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but). The introduction and the use of the suffixes –er, –est in adjectives and the use of –ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs. They will also learn how to use apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns (for example, the girl's name). They will also form adjectives using suffixes such as –ful, –less.

This term there will be a strong emphasis on handwriting and spelling for both year groups.

Maths

Over the term Year 2 will continue to work on addition, subtraction and place value. They will start to think about different ways of calculating multiplication and division facts linked to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, using methods such as repeated addition and arrays, as well as working on their rapid recall of these times tables. They will identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces and identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes. They will apply all their number skills to problem solving. They will learn about fractions, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. Choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction, mass (kg/g) and capacity (litres/ml).

Year 1 will also continue working on addition, subtraction and place value, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. These areas will also be linked to simple problem solving. They will recap naming and describing common 2-D and 3D shapes and linking this to fractions. When learning about



fractions, they will also start to recognise, find and name a half and a quarter an object, shape or quantity.

Science

This term the children will be finding out about everyday materials. During this topic they will: learn the names of common materials and describing their properties. Understand what materials different objects are made from, sort materials to a given criteria and recognise the difference between man-made and natural materials. During the second half of the term they will move onto looking at Seasonal Changes. Finding out about the features of different seasons and how weather is linked to the seasons.

History & Geography

We are starting the term with our geography topic 'Our World'. During this the children will name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans, use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage and use basic geographical vocabulary. After half term we will move onto our history topic 'Famous People'. The children will compare the lives of people such as Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and find out about the suffragette movement and Ann Frank.

RE

The children will start the term by thinking about 'Home and Family'. They will learn about what happens in a Christian home and recognize that love and forgiveness are central Christian teaching. They will then move onto finding out about Christian texts relating to Easter and the Easter story.

Computing

The children will recap the importance of E-Safety, before moving onto 'Coding', which will introduce/reinforce the principles behind algorithms and creating simple 'instructions' to make enable a program to work. They will then move onto creating simple spreadsheets.

PE

PE will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday, so can you please make sure they have their full PE kit in school for these days. Please make sure they have a pair of trainers, as well as pumps, a white t-shirt, black shorts and a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a spare jumper or tracksuit top. During PE they will be building skills linked to athletics.

Art & Design

Mrs Garner will continue to teach this on a Thursday afternoon. This half term the children will be working together to create a jungle display based on the work of the artist Rousseau. They have already done some lovely work based on exotic flowers and will soon be looking at chameleons, snakes and other animals. After half term they will be designing and making fruit salads.

Music

Mr Clark will continue to teach music to Year 1 and 2 every Friday morning.

Homework & Spellings

I will send both out on a Friday. Can I please ask for all homework to be handed in by the following Thursday, at the latest and spelling books to be handed in every Friday morning.

If you have any questions about this term or anything else, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Many Thanks
Tracy Smith



