



10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Year 1 Spring Term 2020

Dear Y1 Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and are excited and ready for the new term. Thank you for the presents and cards that we received.

Year 1 have already begun to settle quickly back into their routines during our topic days this week, focussing on what Christians believe about God.

Teaching will continue as last term:

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays Miss Farmer will be the class teacher.

On Thursdays and Fridays Mrs Billington will be the class teacher.

Miss Woodman will also be supporting the class throughout the week.

**PE days:** Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please make sure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed every PE day.

**Forest School:** Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> half term only) Please can children bring wellies on these days.

### Staying Healthy

A healthy snack for the second break is ideal to feed those brains, so please make sure it is in a **labelled**, reusable box.

A reminder that your child needs **water only** in their drinks bottle. Please **do not** put squash or juice in your child's drinks bottle.

### Subjects

#### Maths

This term, we will be continuing our work on adding and subtracting with numbers up to 20. The children will partition numbers up to 50 into tens and ones, and use this to help them compare and order numbers. We will start practising counting up and back in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will learn how to use simple measuring equipment to measure length, weight and volume.

**Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.**

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## **English**

We will be focussing on Traditional Stories this term and looking at key features and structures that make up these fun tales! We will be retelling them and using them to help us practise our own story writing skills.

We will be developing the pre cursive handwriting script we began learning last term to prepare children for joining their letters later on in Key Stage One. Please see below for a reminder of the correct letter formation for capital and lowercase letters.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

## **Science**

This term we will be learning about Plants and Materials. We will work on identifying and naming a variety of materials, and describing their properties and what they can be used for. We will be planting beans, monitoring their growth and finding out what they need to survive.

During the term, we will continue to spot signs of the seasons and look for plants that are growing.

## **Topic**

Our RE Topic this half term is what Christians believe about God. The children have visited our village Church and learnt about some of its features. We will also be welcoming a local Christian to school to discuss the importance of their faith to them.

During the second half of the term we will be finding out about what life was like for our Grandparents when they were children.

## **DT**

In DT this term we will be exploring books with moving parts and looking closely at how they have been constructed.

If you have any books which you would like to share with the class, please feel free to send them in.

## **Art**

In art this term we will be exploring portraits and finding out about different materials and techniques when making our own. We will also find out about more famous artists and create art work inspired by them.

## **Computing**

Each Wednesday Mr Goodman will continue to teach the children computing, where they will develop their use of algorithms, how to debug simple programs and how to use computing safely at school and at home.



## PSHE

We will be thinking about 'Keeping myself safe' in PSHE this term which will include considering respectful relationships and how to be safe online.

### Homework in Year 1

Spellings homework is due to change slightly this term, we will keep you informed about this on a separate letter.

Please make sure that Maths Games are returned to school every FRIDAY. They will be checked and a new game will be sent home that day.

As last term, all children will bring home a reading book and a picture book along with their Reading Record.

Please sign and comment in their Reading Record when they have read the books.

Reading books can be changed on any day and picture books will be changed each Friday.

Please continue to read as often as you can with your children, it really helps!

In addition to your child's reading books, they may also bring home a book they have been sharing and practising during Phonics. Please make time to allow your child to read this text back to you and let them 'be the teacher' so they can enjoy sharing what they have been learning in class!

### Learning Behaviours in Year 1

Throughout the school, all children are working hard to remember their learning behaviours. Here is a reminder of the ones we are focussing on in Year 1:

Risk taker		I know that it is fine to make mistakes and not say 'I can't'.
Keeping going		I will try before asking for help.
Aiming high		I will always try my best and be proud of my achievements.
Motivated and engaged		I will listen carefully to others and take part in all activities.



Taking responsibility		I will be responsible for my own belongings in school.
Respect		I will show respect for everyone in my school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• other's ideas</li> <li>• belongings</li> <li>• people</li> </ul>
Team player		I will cooperate in a kind and caring way with other children.

Thank you for your support in helping your child to become independent with all aspects of school life.

If you have any questions, please do come and ask.

Miss Farmer, Mrs Billington and Year One Staff

