

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring Term

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

This term our topics are: Planet Earth & The History of Bletchley.

#### **Morning Routine**

As you are aware, the school gates are opened at 8:20 and the children are greeted by us, Mrs Scarito, Mrs Wakeman, Mrs Clarke, Miss Togwell and Mrs van Lelyveld along their walk into the school grounds. At 8:30 sharp the children walk together into school and, after taking the register, to make a prompt start to our day of learning. In Year 1 we will continue to start our day with a Phonics session (our approach used to teach children how to read, write and spell) so it is imperative that children are in school on time.

#### **Reading**

Please remind your children if they need to change their reading books in the morning, they need to place their reading diary and reading book into a specific box in their classroom. These will be checked by an adult and changed as necessary. Teachers will know if a book has been completed if the parents have written in the reading diaries.

Your child will continue to read individually and in *Guided Reading Groups*. This will be indicated in their reading diary.

It is important for your child to practise the skills they learn at school and reading at home gives them the opportunity to do this. Please aim to hear your child as often as possible. Practising reading makes a big difference to their progress in reading and writing.

## English

This term the children will be reading quest and journey tales in order to compose sentences and write their own story. They will be doing the following:

- saying out loud what they are going to write about
- composing a sentence orally before writing it
- sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense
- discuss what they have written
- read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.

The children will also be reading and writing instructions.

Within their writing they will be continuing to use the following grammar and punctuation:

- to leave spaces between words
- to join words and joining clauses using 'and'
- to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'.

## **Maths**

**This term the children will be focusing on these key mathematical skills:**

- to count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number
- to count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of twos, fives and tens
- to read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words
- identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- to know the time using concrete and pictorial apparatus (hour and half past)
- addition and subtraction using concrete and pictorial apparatus
- to understand measure

The children's homework will provide guidance to parents and allow the children to practise the skills they have learnt that week.

## **Science**

### **Seasonal Change**

\*observe changes across the four seasons

\*observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

### **Animals, including humans**

\* identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals

\*identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores

\*describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets)

\*identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

## **ICT**

\*use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content

\* recognise common uses of information technology beyond school.

## **RE**

\*why is the bible/ biblical stories important/ sacred to Christians?

\*how Christians use the bible in church and at home to teach people through stories

\*stories of the life of Jesus

\*stories Jesus told.

## **Geography:**

\*to understand geographical similarities and differences of an area of the UK and Australia

\*locate continents and 5 oceans.

## **History**

\*focusing on significant historical events, people and places within their own locality

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## **Music**

\*play tuned & un-tuned instruments musically

\*listen & understand live & recorded music

\*experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music

\*sing songs.

## **PE**

This term the children will be covering three different topics:

Outdoor Games

Dance

Gymnastics

1CT have PE every Tuesday.

1BW and 1ES have PE every Friday.

The children have a yoga session every third Thursday.

Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. They will need suitable clothing for an outdoor PE session. Please can you ensure children remove their earrings on these days, if this is not possible, tape should be provided so that the earrings can be covered for safety reasons. Hair also needs to be tied back.

## **Homework**

Your child will receive a piece of English and Maths homework each week. This homework will be sent home on a Friday and is to be returned by the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to work independently on their homework. Please feel free to write any comments in their homework book.

## **Times Tables**

If you can please practise your child's times tables with them as much as possible. We will be learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables throughout the year.

## Labelling your child's belongings

Please can we remind you that all children's clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled to prevent them from getting lost.

## Useful websites/apps that you can use at home

### Websites:

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

youtube-counting in 2s, 5s and 10s song

### Ipad apps:

Doodle Maths/Literacy/Spelling

Cbeebies app-playtime island, storytime

We look forward to the year ahead working with your children.

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