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Year 1 - Spring Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely holiday. The children worked hard last term and adapted well to the changes from Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1. We are looking forward to another exciting term, consolidating previous learning and introducing new skills and knowledge.

This term's newsletter aims to give you an outline of the intended work in your child's class. The focus is on what has been planned for topic work, but a very important programme of basics continues in Mathematics, English and Science.

There is nothing more important to a child than to know that their parents are really interested in their work. Asking about it, going to the Library to find appropriate books or perhaps buying a book, if it is particularly interesting, all help to encourage the children. I hope that this letter helps as a guide to the things you can talk to your children about.

English

This term in English we will be continuing with Read Write Inc. Although due to the current Covid guidelines this will be taught in a different format to normal and will be regularly reviewed. The children will still be working within their groups and will be moving around a variety of reading activities to allow them to work with an adult Monday – Thursday to complete the reading and writing tasks from RWInc. It is important that your child tries to read for approximately 10 minutes at least 4 times a week. If you sign and date your child's challenge sheet each time they read then they can gain a house point after 5 reading sessions.

We will continue to spend time developing and consolidating our writing skills. This will include work on basic sentence structure, punctuation – full stops and question marks, applying our R.W.Inc skills to writing and writing a variety of sentences. This half term there will be a focus on writing traditional tales. We will be looking at the 3 little pigs and working towards writing our own version of the story. This will also link to our Science topic, Materials.

Every Monday the children will continue to write a recount of their weekend, so please discuss with them what they have done over the weekend, to help them with their weekly writing task.

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on numbers to 20.

- Understanding that 15 is 10 and 5 (units or ones).
- Reading and writing numbers to 20 in digits and words.
- Ordering numbers to 20.
- Addition and subtraction to 20.

Project

Our new project this term is 'Rio de Vida'. The children will be learning all about the 7 continents, Brazil, carnivals, famous footballers from the past, the artist Romero Britto and lots more.

Optional Home Design and Technology Project – To design and/or build a carnival float with an 'Easter Theme'. (A design worksheet will be sent home in the coming weeks) If you are making a float then please bring them into school by Friday 26th March.

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Science

Our Science topic this term will be 'Materials'. This term the children will be taught to:

- distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made
- identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock
- describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials
- compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties

The children will also be working on their scientific enquiry skills in lessons and in the 'Investigation Area'.

- observing closely, using simple equipment
- performing simple tests
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions

ICT

In the first half term the children will be working in the computer suite. Initially we will be practising logging onto the computers independently and opening the 'Espresso' programme. We will be learning what an algorithm is, sequencing instructions, use programming skills to control an external device. During the second half term the pupils will be 'TV CHEFS'. The children will be looking at following instructions and how important it is to give clear instructions. The children will then use the I-pads to film their own 'How to make a sandwich' TV programme.

P.E.

This term P.E. lessons will take place on a **Friday**.

We will be learning to attack, defend and shoot, developing fundamental movement skills in a variety of games and engaging in competitive situations with some attacking and defending skills

RE

In the first half term the topic will be 'Our Wonderful World'.

We aim to:

- identify things that make our world special
- explore the Jewish, Christian and Islamic creation Stories.
- explore the Hindu creation story.
- explore different accounts of the creation of the sky and Heaven.
- explore different accounts of the creation of plants.
- explore different religious accounts of how animals and people were created.

Lunch boxes and snack

The children put their lunchboxes on the Year 1 trolley, on the way into the classroom each morning. The children eat their snack during the morning playtime, so please ensure their snack is in their book bags for the children to access easily at playtime. Please also try to ensure it is something that will fit in their tray as some of them are struggling to close their trays due to large snack pots. Water bottles are stored by the sink for the children to access during the day. Please ensure only **water** is in the bottles, in case of any spillages.

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Homework:

Reading: The children will be expected to read with an adult each evening for about 10 minutes. It would be valuable for the adult who reads with your child to talk to your child about the story or book they are reading to ensure they have a good understanding.

The children will be given 3 books on a Monday. Please can these be returned on a Friday to allow for appropriate quarantine and to ensure there are enough books to give out on a Monday. If your child is reading through these quickly then please take the time to ask them questions, re-read the book and develop confidence and fluency.

Rio De Vida – Over the next half term if your child would like to make a carnival float (approximately the size of a shoebox). Then we will display them in the classroom (More information above.)

Ways to help your child with their learning:

- Reading at home at least 4 times a week
- Number bonds to 10 and then onto 20
- Reading and writing 2 digit numbers
- Addition and Subtraction to 10/20/100
- Reading the time – o'clock and half past. Then when your child can do that they can move on to quarter past and quarter to.
- Identifying coins and notes.
- Adding different coin amounts
- Subtracting money (finding change)
- Creating and continuing patterns
- Counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's
- Ensuring numbers are correctly formed
- Finding half of an even number up to 20
- Doubling numbers up to Double 10
- Identifying common 2D and 3D shapes, discussing their properties (2D – sides, corners/ 3D – faces, edges and vertices)
- Letter formation – ensuring each letter is correctly formed
- Spelling – days of the week, numbers to 20 in words (e.g. 8 = eight), red words.
- Identifying 2 digit numbers (e.g. identifying them in the world around them)

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- Using Fred talk to read and spell unknown words
- Reminding children to use capital letters and full stops when writing a sentence
- Encouraging your child to put a question mark at the end of a question

General

Please ensure your child does not bring in any personal objects as there is a worry that these may get broken or misplaced and sometimes distract them from their learning.

Your child only needs to carry their **green book bag** RWI folder, snack, lunch box and water bottle with them. **Please try to avoid purchasing rucksacks as they are causing issues in the classroom. The children are finding them too heavy to lift onto the peg, hard to open and they are causing obstructions and safety issues in the classroom.**

Please ensure that the classroom bottles **only contain water** as if there is a spillage it is much easier to clean up. The children do not need to bring pencil cases or pens from home as the stationary they need is provided in class.

Birthday cakes – I am happy to hand out birthday cakes at the end of the day, however please ensure it is 27 individual cakes – following guidelines sent by Mr Charlesworth at the beginning of the year (individually wrapped, shop bought due to Covid restrictions)

PLEASE CHECK NO PEANUTS DUE TO ALLERGIES.

Mrs Wilderspin teach RE to Year 1 on a Tuesday afternoon.

Facebook

Look out for updates of what we are up to on the school Facebook page.

Please feel free to contact me at any time; you can do this by contacting the school office.

Many thanks

Mrs M. Lowry

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