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Dear Parents,

**Happy New Year!**

We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and wish you all the best for 2020.

### Topics

Our topics this term are 'Florence Nightingale' and in term 4 it will be 'Our Local Area'

### Year 1 Spring curriculum

<b>English</b>
This term the children are focusing on sentence structure and punctuation. They will be exploring different genres including writing a set of instructions of how to play snakes and ladders, a recount and poetry focusing on the poem 'Sound Collector.'
<b>Mathematics</b>
This term the children will be continuing to develop their knowledge of number, focusing on counting, writing and reading numbers as well as addition and subtraction facts. They will also be learning about multiplication, division and fractions, which are all new concepts within Year One.
<b>Science</b>
The children will look at seasonal changes as well as explore humans and animals. The children will describe and compare common animals, learning to categorise them into fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
<b>Computing</b>
The children will be creating and filming a set of instructions. In term 4 they will exploring a variety of different apps and programmes and developing their knowledge of how to use them.
<b>DT</b>
In DT the children will be making moving cards, looking at sliders and pivots. As well as designing and making a playground in term 4.
<b>Music</b>
The children will learn a song called "In the groove". They will look at rhythm and beats.
<b>Religious Education (RE)</b>
The children will be learning about the Bible and the stories of Jesus. They will listen to stories from both the Old Testament (Noah's Ark, David and Goliath and Jonah and the whale) and the New Testament (Jesus and the hungry crowd and The Good Samaritan). In term 4 we will be focusing on the stories relating to Easter.
<b>Physical Education (PE)</b>
In Games the children will be developing their gymnastic skills further, beginning to use different equipment alongside the skills they already know such as balancing, rolling and jumping.
<b>History</b>
In History the children will be looking at the life of Florence Nightingale and will be comparing it to Mary Seacole.
<b>Geography</b>
Children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of the local area and history behind it.
<b>Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)</b>
Children will be exploring everyone's differences and how we value them as a person. In term 4 they will be looking at how we keep ourselves safe.



## **Homework**

Thank you for supporting your child with their homework. The work set consolidates the learning that has happened during the week in school, it is clear to see how hard the children have been working on the tasks set. **Homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Thursday.**

Homework is sent home as follows:

**Reading-** All children are expected to read for at least 5 minutes each day with an adult.

**Spelling-** Your child will bring home spellings in their homework folders every other week with a list of spellings to practice. Please encourage them to use a variety of strategies such as creating these words with a variety of resources such as twigs, magazine cuttings and pasta, as well as looking at each word, covering it and practice writing it, then checking it. Phonics are every other week.

Regular spelling practice of a few minutes each night will make a big difference to your child's confidence and ability.

**Maths –** Children are set one piece of maths homework to consolidate the work we have been doing in class that week. In addition to this each child has been set timetables on Time Tables Rock stars, the logins were sent out within their homework files, please ensure that they are doing 15 minutes of this a week.



## **Reading**

Thank you for hearing your child, it makes a huge difference. Daily reading at home is essential as it reinforces the work the children complete in school and allows them to practise skills introduced in lessons.

We will change your child's book if it is put in the book bag box. We recommend that they read the book at least once for comprehension and then a second time for fluency and expression. Remember to ask them lots of questions about what they have read.

Well done to all those children who have received their bronze and silver certificates. Keep up the hard work. Please can you make sure you are signing in the children's diaries to say you have listened to them read at least 5 times a week. This can be their reading book from school or a book from home. Have a look at the recommended reading list that was sent home last term (and is on the website) for some ideas of what your child could read.

If your child reads five times a week they also get a sticker to go on their reading chart, 5 stickers would mean that they have read 25 times and will then get a certificate presented to them in our Key Stage One Assembly. Certificates are awarded as follows:

25= Bronze

50= Silver

75= Gold

100= Platinum

125= Commended Reader

150= Reading Worm



## **PE days**

**Indoor PE** will be on **Thursday** and **Outdoor P.E** will be on **Monday**. Your child must not wear any jewellery on these days. Please can you make sure that they have appropriate clothing for PE in school all of the time.

**As it is winter; warm outside kit is particularly important as we will go out each week unless we have extreme weather.**

**Indoor kit:** Navy shorts and plain white T-shirt. Indoor lessons are done in bare feet or plimsolls.

**Outdoor kit:** Plain navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plain white T-shirt plus plimsolls/trainers. You can also provide a navy fleece or tracksuit top for cold weather.

Please ensure that all clothing brought into school is clearly named.

## **HELP!!**



If you feel that you have a particular skill or interest, linked to an area that we are studying this term please come in for a chat. If you or you know of anyone that would be interested to offer a helping hand we would love to hear from you.

If you have any questions, worries or queries about any of the above or other matters please don't hesitate to come and see us.

We look forward to an exciting year!

Yours sincerely,

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Class Teacher