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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 2023.

Topics

Our topics this term are 'On our doorstep' and in Term 4 'There's no place like home'

Year 1 Spring curriculum

English

This term the children are focusing on sentence structure and punctuation. We will read 'How to be a Lion' by Ed Vere. We will write a story opening about an animal of our choice. We will focus on texts from different cultures including Handa's Surprise and the poem 'The Sound Collector.'

Mathematics

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. The children will be exploring half and quarters of amounts.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

Children will be exploring everyone's differences and how we value them as a person. We will be thinking about likes and dislikes and what makes a good friend. In term 4 they will be looking at how we keep ourselves safe.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas, please look at the **Knowledge Organisers** which can be found on the class blog.

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, please ensure that they are doing 15 minutes of this a week.

Reading

Thank you for hearing your child read, 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 and they have read the book three times. We recommend that they read the book at least once for comprehension and then a second time for fluency and third for enjoyment 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 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

Our PE lessons are Wednesday and Friday. 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.

We look forward to an exciting year!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Fowler

Class Teacher