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KS1 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year One

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish all of the children a very warm welcome back to school and into Year 1. We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Please refer to the table below, for a brief overview of the learning experiences that the children will have in each subject, during this half term.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	In English, the key texts will be 'Meesha Makes Friends', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Biscuit Bear. We will be creating story maps and retelling parts of the story, hot seating the characters and writing simple sentences, instructions and captions. There will be a focus on grammar and spelling (using their phonic knowledge of phase 2 and phase 3 phonemes), writing high frequency words and using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We will also focus on handwriting and correct letter formation.
Phonics	We will begin the year by revising the Phase Four Phonics that the children were introduced to in Reception. This will involve reviewing all the sounds that the children learnt in Reception and applying this knowledge to read and write more complex words. There will also be a focus on reading and writing words that end with 'ed'.
Maths	In Maths we will be continuing with addition and subtraction and place value. The children will be sorting, counting and representing objects, comparing groups and finding 1 more or 1 less. They will learn number bonds to 10 and will count, read and write numbers to 20.
Science	Our Science topic this half term is 'Materials'. The children will be learning to identify different materials including plastic, metal, wood, glass and paper. They will be learning about the properties of these materials and will be thinking of different ways in which they can be grouped. We will also be investigating which materials are best for protecting us from rain.
Computing	In Computing we will be introducing Purple Mash (an online platform for Primary School children). Children will learn how to login to Purple Mash and will explore different programs including the Maths games and the paint program. They will also learn how to save their work. Throughout this unit of work, we will be talking about how we can stay safe on line and will particularly focus on the importance of not sharing personal information.
History	Our History topic this term is 'Toys Past and Present' We will learn about toys that our parents and grandparents played with, how toys have changed and how to identify toys that are old or new.

PSHE	In PSHE we will be meeting 'Jigsaw Jack' We will be looking at 'Being Me in My World' Our learning will be around Rights and Responsibilities, feeling Special and Safe, Consequences and Feeling Proud.
DT	In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making a house for the Three Little Pigs. Children will learn about the process of planning what they would like to make and all of their houses will include doors and windows that open and close.
RE	In R.E. we will be focussing on Christianity and exploring the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?'
Music	In Music we will be carrying out a unit entitled 'Introducing Beat'. As part of this unit of work children will be taught to find a beat, copy back simple rhythmic and melodic patterns. They will also learn to sing a melody in a group.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set on Google Classroom and will consist of weekly spellings and **an alternating Maths or Literacy/Topic activity**. The activities will be set on Friday and will need to be completed and turned in by **the following Wednesday**. A photograph can be taken of the learning and then uploaded and submitted to Google Classroom. Please let a member of the Year 1 team know, if you need any help accessing Google Classroom.

Reading

One of the most important ways in which you can support your child's learning is to ensure that they engage with 10-15 minutes reading every day. This can consist of hearing them read their school reading book or sharing books that you have at home.

Each week children will take home a school reading book which they need to practise reading at least four times during the week.

Children will also be given a paper reading record which needs to be sent into school every day with their reading book. We ask that you make a brief comment about your child's reading at least once a week in this book.

P.E.

We will be having a coached PE session every **Friday**. The class will also have PE on a **Thursday**. On these days, children will need to **come in to school wearing their PE kit**. This should consist of their school PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms/PE shorts and trainers (not plimsolls, due to possible wet weather).

Items that need to be in school every day:

- **Named** school jumper/cardigan/coat
- **Named** water bottle
- Folder containing reading book and paper reading record book (provided by school)
- Children won't need a large school bag as they are no longer bringing PE kits/home learning folders to and from school. They can bring in school book bags if they have them.

We are very much looking forward to working with you over the course of the next academic year. If you have any questions, please contact the class team via the School Office email.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Caroline Goringe, Eileen Beechey and the Year 1 team