

Curriculum Information
Year One – Spring One 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and have had a great start to 2019!

Our topic for this term is 'Explorers'. Below we have outlined what we will be covering throughout the term.

Literacy

We will be focusing on one of Michael Rosen's most popular books 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' The children will study the story in depth and have the opportunity to show their creative flair through different forms of writing. Phonics will continue to be taught daily, with the majority of children currently working within phase 5. This phase explores alternative sounds and spellings, as well as looking at the 'best bet' spelling patterns. Phase 5 is the longest and most complex stage of the 'Letters and Sounds' programme and is taught for the duration of Year One.

Spellings will continue to be given out each week on a **Monday** and checked the following **Tuesday**. They will be a variety of topic related words, tricky words and words relating to our phonics sessions. Please encourage children to use their phonic knowledge to sound out these words when learning to spell them. With the 'Phonics Screening Check' fast approaching in the Summer Term, any extra work outside of school is a great support.

Numeracy

We will start the term by recapping measure to ensure the children are confident in finding length, weight and capacity. We will then move on to 'Time', focusing on telling o'clock and half past times to begin with. Discussing the times of your daily routine at home will really help the children to get a sense of when things happen and how long for. For example, 'we wake up at.... we eat breakfast at...'

Number bonds will continue each week as part of your child's homework. These will be set on a **Monday** and checked the following **Tuesday**. Thank you for your hard work and support with this.

Science

Our science topic for the spring term is focused around weather, seasons and light and dark.

Computing

This term's 'Computing Day' will consist of the children producing short instructional videos. This will require the children to create a script, work with recording equipment and edit their videos using software on the iPads.

Art

Our Art topic this term is linked to our topic 'Explorers'. We will be experimenting with different sketching and mark making techniques. We will be recording first hand observations of trees, leaves and other objects in our environment.

PE

PE will be taught by Mr Rick again this term. Year One PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday** for **Holly** and **Monday** and **Thursday** for **Beech**. Please make sure children have the correct kit in school on these days to ensure they do not miss out on a great PE session. Normally at least one PE session is outside, therefore please make sure your child has warm clothing in these chilly months!

Music

In music the children will be learning to use their singing voices effectively and to understand musical concepts such as rhythm, melody and music notation. We will have a lot of fun with movement activities, musical games and group singing, as well as playing on glockenspiels and other percussion instruments.

Topic

Our topic this term is Explorers which links well to the Geography objectives for Year One. These include; using world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries, as well as the continents and the oceans of the world. As part of this topic, we will also be looking at famous explorers from history. You can practice using key vocabulary such as 'currency' and 'continents' at home if you wish to help your children with this topic.

PSHE

Our topic in PSHE is 'Dreams and Goals' where we will be discussing how we can achieve our goals and who can help us. This will be completed on PSHE Day.

Homework

The general standard of homework last term was amazing! Thank you so much for your support. Homework will still be given out on a **Friday** and collected in on the following **Tuesday**. The homework will be linked to the work we are doing in class, differentiated where necessary and fun! It should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Weekly Updates

Every Monday we will continue to send out the 'Year 1 Weekly News' with information on what we will be covering in that week.

Please Help!

We are always keen to have parent/carers/members of the community to come in to help in school. If you would like (or know someone who would!) to volunteer to hear readers, accompany us on trips, help with any aspect of the curriculum or have a link to our topic we would be thrilled to have you! Please let us know, we would be very grateful and the children would love it too!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or make a longer appointment to meet us. We are looking forward to another fun and exciting term!

Miss Alderson and Miss Fane
Year One Teachers.