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Year 1 Parent/Carer Newsletter - Autumn 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to welcome back your children for their second term in year 1. We were thrilled with how well they settled in last half term and approached their learning. We continue to make the wellbeing and safety of your children our top priority in these exceptional times. As you can see from our curriculum map, the children's learning will be rich and varied and subjects will be linked wherever possible to build on existing knowledge. It is important that we have a hands-on approach to learning in year 1 and we continue to use provision and resources as much as possible in all lessons.

Phonics

All the children really impressed us last half term with how quickly they resumed their understanding and application of phonics. They are eager and keen to learn and daily lessons ensure that the children are able to apply phonics into their reading and writing. We have already learnt phase 2, 3 & 4 of our phonics and are now moving onto phase 5 which can be confusing for children so please continue to support them as much as you can at home. Phase 5 is all about alternate pronunciations for example; **ie** (lie), **igh** (light), **i-e** (like) and **ow** (low, cow). A fantastic website for you to use at home is 'Phonics Play'. Please visit the following link;

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Spellings

It is important that the spellings children are given are embedded and applied in their writing. Therefore, we will continue to send home the same spellings for 2 weeks. Please also revisit spellings that have been sent home in previous weeks. It is a good idea to make games up with these spelling such as: a matching game, saying spellings out loud while in the car and going on a spelling hunt around the house. When learning spellings always look for the tricky parts. A good strategy for learning spelling is to read it, cover it, write it and then check it.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. The aim is for every child to read at least 3 times a week at home but also to enjoy sharing favourite stories and poems.

Homework

We are delighted with the effort that is going into the children's homework; it really is making a difference to their learning. We will continue to give homework out every Friday which should then be returned the following Thursday, in time for our spelling test.

Christmas

Unfortunately we will be unable to produce a nativity this year due to the national guidelines that have been set. However the children will still enjoy many festive activities whilst learning about the Christmas story. Most importantly we will celebrate with a Christmas party at the end of the term - further details will follow closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Robinson, Miss Waddington, Mrs Rendell & Miss Gray



Co-Headteachers - Mrs B. Medhurst and Mrs F. Meer

