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Dear Parents / Carers,

KS1 – SUMMER TERM 2021

Welcome back! We hope you had a well-deserved rest during the Easter holidays and got to spend quality time together. We are all very happy to see the children back in school and so settled already and excited to learn. As always, please rest assured we will continue to work together to make your child's time in school safe and happy.

We are working hard here at school to make sure your children are read to on a regular basis, however it remains vitally important that your child is read with at home, to maintain the progress they will make as the year progresses. As you are aware, reading is an essential core skill which underpins learning in all areas of the curriculum. We want your child to develop a deep rooted love of reading. To read for pleasure, not just because they have to. To help achieve this goal, we will share a range of engaging texts with the children, provide opportunities for 1:1 reading with an adult as well as whole class guided reading sessions.

We understand that finding the time to read at home can be a challenge, but we hope that you could read with your child at least three times a week. Our new online reading resource 'Bug Club' is a fantastic way of accessing books at your child's reading level and these, in turn, help reinforce the phonic knowledge of your child. This is a useful resource as the comprehension questions linked to each book will help us to assess whether children truly understand what they are reading. We regularly review the books that your child has accessed at home and allocate new ones accordingly. Please ensure that you click on the 'close book' at the end of the text, since it won't be classified as read unless you do. This will help us keep up to date on the online activity of your child. Each child has been allocated a logon and password for Bug Club, if you need a reminder of it, please let your child's teacher know.

Topics

We have two new topics for this term. They will form the basis for our learning in History, Geography, Computing, Art and D & T. It will also form the stimulus for much of our Literacy work.

In the first half term we will be studying 'The Enchanted Forest'. During this topic pupils will learn about the geographical features of a woodland habitat. They will learn how to recognise and name different trees, understanding the function of the different parts of a tree. In computing they will have the opportunity to research and present information about woodland animals. In History pupils will learn about how animals such as wolves, bears and lynx used to live in England but are now extinct. They will also learn about what life was like for humans who used to live in the woods. They will learn about timber framed homes and cooking on an open fire. Pupils will also create artwork inspired by nature. They will use a range of different media and techniques to create woodland scenes. They will also use clay to make tree boggarts and natural materials to make statues inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

In the second half term we will be 'off to the seaside' with our topic 'Coastlines'. We will become familiar with the UK as an island, naming the seas around our coastline and locating key coastal locations. We will be keen to find out which coastal places the children have visited in the UK. We will study the seaside town of Whitby, N Yorkshire and will compare it with our own home town of Stratford. We will look at maps at different scales; world maps to learn of the main oceans, UK maps to locate coastal areas and town/local area maps to learn about physical and human geographical features. This will be aided by use of technology, such as Google Earth. In History we will be comparing life in Whitby past and present, focussing on the different jobs people would have had. We will also learn about Captain Cook and his connection to Whitby. In D & T we will run a mini project on beach huts. We will learn how to join pieces of wood to put together a 3D wooden frame. In Music we will learn about and listen to sea shanties and other music that is inspired by and connected with the sea.

Literacy

Pupils will continue to have a daily session of phonics, where the children will focus not only on the sounds, but letter formation, blending and segmenting skills that are essential for their progression throughout the year. They will be consolidating the phonic sounds that we have identified that they need help with. We will also have a weekly lesson





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focusing on spelling, grammar and punctuation. Aspects such as spelling and reading common exception words and specific grammatical skills required by their year group objectives will be focussed on. These skills will then be reinforced throughout the week.

At the beginning of this term we will be using the text 'The Jolly Postman' by Allan and Janet Ahlberg as a stimulus for our lessons. The story focuses on different fairy tale characters and the relationship between them. We will read traditional tales based on these characters. Pupils will use the illustrations to make predictions and discuss their reasons behind them. We will also be reading 'The Last Wolf', which allows the children to compare the stories of 'Red Riding Hood' and an alternate version. The pupils will also be reading and writing non-fiction texts linked to foxes and wolves, which links to our final book of the half term 'The Fox and the Star'.

As part of our 'Coastlines' topic we will be using the book 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson, we will look at all aspects of this text including the characters, the setting and the rhyme that is used throughout. We will also be looking at the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. This story focuses on a plastic bad called Stanley who is swept into the sea and is swallowed by various unsuspecting animals, this is a very thought-provoking story which allows children to discuss and explore the importance of keeping the environment clean and safe.

Maths

This term Year 1 will be focusing on multiplication, division, fractions, position and direction, place value to 100, measurement of time and money. Year 2 will be focusing on measurement of height and length, position and direction measurement of time, mass, capacity and temperature. We will be delivering our maths through the White Rose scheme, which focuses on problem solving and reasoning.

PE this term will take place outdoors. Pupils will learn to develop their athletic skills and warm up by playing some non-contact games. PE lessons will take place on the following days:

- Year 1 Wednesday Cricket / Thursday PE
- Year 1 / 2 Monday PE / Wednesday Cricket
- Year 2 – Wednesday Cricket

Pupils should come to school wearing their PE kits on the relevant day.

RE

Our RE topics this term will involve looking across the main world religions. In the first half term we will look at sacred places of worship, including churches, synagogues, mosques and gurdwaras. In the second half term we will focus on how special times are marked and celebrated in different religions. We will explore why these events have special significance within religious communities.

You will be contacted separately by your child's class teacher regarding spellings and homework in due course. Should you have any queries regarding any of the above, we would be happy to hear from you.

Please email us at:

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Year 1 / 2 - year12btp@welearn365.com

Year 2 – year2btp@welearn365.com

We thank you for all your cooperation and look forward to a successful term ahead of us.

Information regarding parents' evenings this term, including dates, will be released in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Miss King, Miss Coles, Mrs Geals and Miss Hanson

