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Key Stage One – Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and we hope that you had a fantastic Christmas break. We are looking forward to a busy Spring Term.

Reading will continue to be at the heart of all learning and, as always, we encourage you to get involved with your children's reading by sharing and discussing their latest book. It is important that children read texts multiple times to build up fluency and develop their understanding. Please can you ensure that you read at least three times a week with your child and this is recorded in their reading diary. These should be in school daily to enable us to read with children and change their books when appropriate. We will check records weekly to ensure the weekly target of reading three times a week at home has been met.

Our **English** sessions are based on our topic for the half term. For the first part of the term, we will be looking at the story 'Old Bear and 'The Paper Dolls'. We will be exploring a range of genres in the text building children's stamina in writing. After half term, we will be looking at the texts 'The Pirates Next Door' and 'The Night Pirates'. With the children's writing we are looking for them to apply phonic knowledge and taught spelling patterns. The children will be looking to ensure sentences are correctly punctuated with a capital letters and full stops using our visual making tool to check this independently. Year 2 will also be looking at adding more detail into their writing through the use of expanded noun phrases, conjunction and fronted adverbials.

In **Maths** this term, our focus will be looking at numbers to 20 in Year 1 and geometry. In Year 2, we will be learning about geometry, money and moving onto multiplication and division. We will be delivering our Maths through the Power Maths scheme, which focuses on problem solving and reasoning and we will be using Fluency Bee alongside the scheme to build children's knowledge and confidence in arithmetic. Arithmetic will be a focus in school this year and it is imperative children learn and rehearse number facts and number bonds. The will be taught arithmetic skills in a discrete lesson each week.

We have two new **topics** for this term. They will form the basis for our learning in History, Geography, Art and D & T. We will be linking our Science with topic.

In the first half terms topic is called '**Childhood**'. We will be learning about the 1950's era and the Royal Family with a focus on family tree's and childhoods today and in the past. We will look portrait and collage in art and study the artists Picasso and Paul Klee. **To end our learning in this topic we will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic in school on Thursday 13th February at 2pm. Further details will follow.**

In **Science**, Year 1 will continue to look at animals including humans this half term and Year 2 will be focusing on working scientifically with some experiments to complete.

In the second half term our topic will be called '**Land Ahoy!**'. We will be learning about the different oceans and the seas around the world with a focus on those that surround the UK. Children will develop their map and compass skills and learn about Ellen MacArthur. In DT, we will be looking at moving vehicles and locomotion.

In **Science**, we will be looking at 'seasonal changes' in Year 1 and 'living things and their habitats' in Year 2.



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Our **PSHE** topics will be 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me. In **RE**, we will be looking at the world views of Hinduism, Islam and Christianity.

For **Computing** we will be using Purple Mash to create animated stories and effective searches using the internet. We will also be embedding the importance of internet safety.

This half term in **Music** we will be looking at the unit 'Boom whackers' and 'I wanna play in a band.'

Our **PE** focus will be on the fundamental movement skills ensuring these are embedded, such as balance and co-ordination. **PE will be on Wednesday's for 1R and 2M and Thursday's for 1/2F.** Children should attend school in their PE kits on these days. Can we remind parents that the PE kit should be dark tracksuit trousers, leggings or shorts, dark hoodie, white t-shirt and suitable trainers.

Alongside PE, we will be doing weekly **Forest School** sessions throughout the year.

Class 1R will be going to forest school on a Tuesday morning.

Class 1/2F will be going to forest school on a Wednesday morning.

Class 2M will be going to forest school on a Thursday morning.

We ask that you send your children appropriately dressed for the weather on these days as it is becoming very cold.

Home Learning will consist of reading at home three times a week, spellings and Mathletics. We will be sending home the spellings on look, cover, write, check sheets which need returning to school for a Friday. Weekly spelling tests will take place on a Friday.

Please ensure that children attend school in the **correct school uniform and footwear**, of which details of this can be found on the school website. As it is cold at the moment, please ensure children have appropriate outer wear to keep them warm at break and lunchtimes.

Please ensure that adults are dropping children at the classroom door each morning and not allowing them to walk in from the car park alone or with an older sibling. **They must be supervised by an adult at all times.**

It is really important that children bring a **water bottle** to school each day and this **must not contain fizzy drinks.** Fruit is available as a snack in school, however if you wish to send an additional snack in for your children please ensure this is healthy and follows school guidelines.

If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with us, please let us know on the door or you can email us directly on our class emails.

Class 2M – Year2M@welearn365.com

Class 1/2 F – Year12BTP@welearn365.com

Class 1R – Year1R@welearn365.com

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Maisey, Mrs Reid and Mrs Folkes