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Key Stage One – Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to Key Stage One and we hope that you had a fantastic Summer break. It is always an exciting term and we are looking forward to working with your children this year.

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. Just because a child is a fluent, independent reader, it does not mean they no longer need the valuable book talk which is so important that parents support their children with. Reading is an essential core skill which underpins learning in all areas of the curriculum. We want to achieve a deep-rooted love of reading. It is imperative that you are sharing texts with your child at home please. Please mark in your child's reading record when a book has been completed and the days which you have read with your child. Your comments and observations in this record diary are valuable and helpful for us in supporting your child's reading development. The home readers should be brought in daily so that we can read with your child and change books. We will check records every Friday 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 'Whiffy Wilson: The wolf who wouldn't go to school'. We will be exploring a range of genres in the text building children's stamina in writing. After half term, we will have a poetry week focus and look at rhyming words. After this we will look at the text 'Here We Are' before moving onto some traditional tales. 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 stop using our visual making tool to check this independently.

Within **English** this academic year, a focus throughout the school, will involve developing grammar skills. We will be adopting a new approach to grammar teaching which involves an individual text book for each child and a weekly opportunity for children to review their grammar learning so it can be more deeply embedded and more easily applied in their daily work.

In **Maths** this term, our focus will be looking at numbers to 10 in Year 1 or 100 in Year 2. We will then use this knowledge with addition and subtraction before looking at 2D and 3D shape. 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.

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 term we will be studying '**School Days**'. We will be learning about the Victorian Era with a focus on life in school back then. We will look at the structure and shape of the school building and look to recreate this using a 3D model. **To end our learning in this topic we will be having a Victorian Day in school on Thursday 24th October. Children will need to come to school dressed in a Victorian outfit.**

In **Science**, we will be looking at different types of materials, what they are used for and what materials are best suited for different objects and why.



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In the second half term we will be studying **'Our Wonderful World'**. We will be learning about the four countries of the UK and their capital cities. We will look at the structure and shape of animal shelters and look to design and make our own for a rabbit.

In **Science**, we will be looking at animals, including humans and identifying their structure. We will identify what animals need survive and why exercise is important.

Our **PSHE** topics will be 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating difference'. In **RE**, we will be looking at the religion Christianity and how to be kind to everyone. Later in the term, we will look at the Nativity Story.

For **Computing** we will be using Purple Mash to create question-based research and work and looking to use and develop our coding skills.

This half term in **Music** we will be looking at the unit 'Hey You!' and next half term we will be exploring playing in an orchestra and rehearsing songs for a Christmas.

Our **PE** focus will be ball skills this half term. After half term, we will be moving onto dance, looking at a variety of animals. **PE will be on Wednesday's for 1R and 2M and Friday'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 these days, a separate letter with further details has been circulated, however if there are any questions, please email us or speak to us on the door.

Home Learning will consist of reading at home, 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.

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