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Year 1 Autumn Term 2020 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. The children have settled in brilliantly and we are looking forward to working with them and you during this academic year. We will be spending lots of time re-establishing school routines and helping the children feel happy and secure being back at school. We aim to make the transition from Foundation Stage to Year 1 as smooth as possible.

Topic Focus	Autumn 1- Homes Through History Autumn 2 – The Great Fire of London	
Subject	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>	
English/ Literacy	We will be revising the phonic sounds from Phase 2 and 3 and moving the children onto new sounds later in the term. Daily phonics is a key part of year 1 as it helps the children develop into fluent readers. Our writing activities will be based on traditional tales including ‘The Enormous Turnip’ and ‘The Three Little Pigs’ as well as many more!	
Maths	The children will have lots of practical experiences, to help develop their understanding of number and Place Value. Once confident with counting and recognising numbers we will move onto simple addition and subtraction of 1-digit numbers. We will be naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes.	
Science	The children will be taught to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. They will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. We will be describing the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. We will compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties, e.g. glass and plastic can be transparent.	
RE	In Autumn 1 the children will explore the festivals of Harvest and Thanks giving and explore how and why people celebrate. In Autumn 2 Term the children will learn about Christianity.	
Computing	The children will have fun being introduced to the idea of algorithms (computer instructions) using programable toys (Beebots).	
PSHE	We have introduced some new COVID lessons to our PHSE programme of study. Helping the children to stay safe and feel comfortable at school. We will have regular circle times and opportunities to discuss worries and answer questions. We will be following the Cambridgeshire Scheme for PHSE beginning with the units; Rules, Rights and Responsibility in Autumn 1 and My emotions and Anti-bullying in Autumn 2.	
Art and DT	In Art, we will be exploring a range of different art media and developing our skills of drawing and using different art tools. We will also be learning about the artist L.S. Lowry and looking at the houses and building that he created in his art work. In DT the Children will design, Make and Evaluate a Stuart house and create a re-enactment of The Great Fire Of London’.	
History and Geography	Using the familiar setting of houses and homes, this topic gets to the heart of one of history’s key concepts: change. Knowing that things haven’t always been the same as they are today is a vital way to help younger children begin to understand how and why changes happen or do not happen. We will start with the present day, looking at homes and houses today. Then we will travel back in time to the Victorians and compare how things have changed. We will travel back further again to Tudor times and this will lead into finding out about the Great Fire of London in the 2 nd half-term.	

Music	For this term we will be focusing on rhythm and notation. Children will learn to recognise the pulse when listening to music, how to read music notes and how to create their own rhythms using them.
PE	In P.E. we will be focusing on the fundamentals of movement and building our skills of agility, balance and coordination.

Important Dates

Friday 16th October – Reading Records brought into school for checking

Tuesday 21st October – Parent Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 22nd October – Parent Teacher Consultations

Monday 26th – 30th October Half-term

All updates can be found on the weekly newsletter.

Home learning

Due to COVID-19 we are trying to limit the amount of books going back and forth between home and school, therefore we plan to set Home Learning Tasks via Starz. Starz is a safe online platform that Brampton School has been using for many years. We will send more information about how to log in and access home learning separately. The children will also be shown how to use Starz at school. We will prioritise the key areas of learning for our Home Learning tasks: Reading, Phonics and Maths.

Due in	Sent home
	25 th September 2020
7 th October 2020	9 th October 2020
21 st October 2020	
Half term	
	6 th November 2020
18 th November 2020	20 th November 2020
2 nd December 2020	4 th December 2020
16 th December 2020	

Reading

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. The ideal is between 5 - 7 times per week. The children will continue to progress through the colour band and phonic steps scheme. The children will be able to change their books on a **Tuesday and Friday** each week, they must remember to bring in their book on these days if it is finished.

Reading Diaries

Please complete the reading diaries each time you read with your child. When your child reads 5 times and completes a page in their reading diaries they will earn a sticker. You only need to record the minimum 5 reads per week even if they have read 6-7 to allow one page per week. When ten stickers have been earned your child will be given a reading certificate. Reading records must be kept at home until 16th October, when they will be checked before half-term.

We can't currently allow 1:1 parent volunteers to come into school and read with the children so it is more essential than ever to get regular reading practise at home.

PE days/kits

Year 1 will have PE every **Tuesday**. They must wear their PE kit to school on this day.

We would therefore advise that children leave any earrings at home on their PE day. Any child who cannot remove their studs will be given another task to complete during the lesson. Whenever possible children should be able to remove their own jewellery before a PE lesson.

Long hair should be tied back.

Forest Schools

Year 1 will continue with Forest Schools as the children missed out on this great opportunity when the schools had to shut in March. Please wear suitable clothes such as old trousers and a jumper and bring out door shoes/wellies in a bag every **Friday** until October half term.

PPA

Teaching staff will have their regular Planning, Preparation Assessment time on a Tuesday afternoon. Staff from the Hunts Schools Sports Partnership will be teaching the children, alongside Mrs Cunningham, and Mr Steward. Mrs Grimbaldeston will also be teaching 1 Willow every Wednesday morning.

Contacting your child's class teacher

If you have a message for your child's class teacher then please email the school office and they will pass the message on; office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk

Don't forget...

Tuesday	Wear PE kit to school
	Bring in reading book to swap for a new one
Friday	Wear old clothes to school for Forest School and outdoor shoes.
	Bring in reading book to swap for a new one

Please remember to name all items of clothing worn to school, especially removable items such as jumpers, cardigans and shoes so that they can easily be returned to their rightful owners.

Thank you for your support and co-operation,
Miss Ross, Miss Dearnley, Miss McAuley and Mrs Henson