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Year 1 Autumn Term 2017 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. The children have settled in brilliantly and are looking forward to all the wonderful experiences and activities we have planned for them this term. Our topic this term is The World Around Us. Before half term, the children will explore the people and places that are important to them; starting with their homes, family, school and village. After half term, the children will learn about the geography, traditions and stories of the different nations of the United Kingdom.

Topic Focus	The World Around Us
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English/Literacy	We will be looking at fiction/poetry texts by Julia Donaldson in the first half of the term and then move on to look at non-fiction texts to help support our research of our 4 nations. In writing, the children will be aiming to get their capital letters, full stops and finger spaces consistently in the right place! They will begin to use question marks and to sequence ideas into short narratives. In Phonics, the children will be revising phase 3 and 4 letters and sounds from reception and introducing some phase 5 letters and sounds (same sounds different digraphs e.g. ee, ea, e-e, y). We teach reading every day, this may be through phonics, guided reading sessions or tricky words. Children use a variety of tools to help them decode the books more and more quickly and we use the guided groups to target each child's specific needs. Please support your child with their reading as often as you can by sharing books together.
Maths	This term our focus will be upon place value, addition and subtraction and shape. We are developing their mathematical language relating to number, counting in multiples of 2 and applying this knowledge to problem solving situations.
Science	In year 1 children begin to learn how to think scientifically by asking questions and predicting answers. Part of our Science links to Geography as we will be investigating the weather and the seasons. Later on in the term will be asked to think scientifically about what animals need to survive and to consider if all animals need the same things.
RE	This term we are looking at celebrations.
Computing	We will be using our amazing Blue-Bots to practice programming as well as learning how to present and save our research. E-safety will be discussed in relation to passwords.
PSHE	Our topics are called Beginning and Belonging where we talk about being part of and making sure that our class and school is a safe and happy place to learn in. After half term our topic is My Emotions which teaches the children how to describe how they are feeling and to think of strategies to help them in different situations.
Art and DT	In DT there will be lots of construction and cooking and creating this term from building a Tudor house to designing a 4 nations pizza. In Art, we will be using a variety of materials to create different effects. Please can you bring in shoe boxes to help us with our buildings.
History and Geography	The Great Fire of London is our significant event!! Children will learn about the city of London at that time. They will begin to ask questions about the past. Geography plays a big part of our topic this term. The children will look at seasonal changes; look at the physical and human features of our school and village; learn about the capital cities, symbols and geographical features of our 4 nations – phew!!

Music	Children will enjoy using their voices expressively and creatively. They will have an opportunity to play tuned and untuned instruments. They will listen to a variety of music.
PE	Children must have the following: t shirt, shorts/leggings, socks and trainers. PE kits need to be in school at all times. The children don't get too hot and sweaty so it is better to bring their PE kits in and leave them here until the half term break. It takes a lot of organisation to dress and undress 30 children for each session. We encourage the children to be as independent as possible. They find this much easier if they have all their bits and pieces clearly named and in their bag. Children will be studying dance and games this term.
Visits	We will be out and about, more details to follow shortly!

Important Dates

September	Tuesday 19 th	Meet the Teacher (in the classrooms)	3.30pm and 5.30pm
	Wednesday 20 th	Individual photographs	
October	Wednesday 18 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 7.00pm
	Thursday 19 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
	23 rd – 27 th	Half Term	
December	Tuesday 12 th	Key Stage 1 Performance	2.00pm
	Thursday 14 th	Key Stage 1 Performance	2.00pm
	Monday 18 th	Key Stage 1 Carol Service	
	Tuesday 19 th	Last day of term	

Home Learning:

More information will follow about home learning. Tasks will usually be very open-ended so that the children can do as much as they like. Home learning is meant to consolidate what they are learning in class and should be fun. If your child is finding something too hard, please let us know and we will need to change it for them.

Due in	Sent home
	8 th September 2017
20 th September 2017	22 nd September 2017
4 th October 2017	6 th October 2017
18 th October 2017	
Half term	
	3 rd November 2017
15 th November 2017	17 th November 2017
29 th November 2017	1 st December 2017
13 th December 2017	
Christmas	

We appreciate any help you can offer us as parents. If you would like to help out in the classroom or if you have any questions concerning the curriculum or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Wilkinson (1 Beech), Mrs Wallace / Mrs Hill (1 Maple), Miss Lee (1 Willow)