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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term our topic is pirates and the seaside.

Topic Focus	Pirates/ Seaside
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English/Literacy	This term we are busy revising all our phonemes and graphemes. We have lots of lovely books on pirates, lighthouses and seashores to accompany our topic and will be using these books as prompts for our writing. We will be practising adding suffixes to words and will be working on making our sentences more interesting by adding in adjectives and conjunctions. We will continue to practise our tricky words and make sure our presentation is fantastic!
Maths	This term we will be developing further our knowledge and understanding of the four operations: addition, subtraction, sharing and sets of objects (multiplication) and using this to solve word problems. We will be looking at money and learning to recognise coins. Will also be developing our understanding and use of mathematical language associated with measure.
Science	In science we will be labelling a human body and investigating our senses. We will continue to think about seasons and associated weather. We will investigate properties of materials including floating and sinking.
RE	The RE focus this term is why the church is a special place for Christians. We will be visiting Brampton church and talking with Rev Taylor
Computing	Our focus this term will be E safety.
PSHE	We will be looking at ways to keep ourselves safe including water safety. We will look at managing change as we prepare for year 2.
Art and DT	We will be making bathing machines using wheels and axles. We will be looking at and creating our own Pointillism artwork.
History and Geography	We will be looking at Victorian seaside holidays and comparing with our experiences today. We are looking forward to having History Off The Page in to lead a Victorian seaside day. This is a wonderful day which allows the children to be immersed in the history of a Victorian seaside. More details to follow. We will also be learning about the historical figure Grace Darling. We will learn about compass points.
Music	Children will enjoy using their voices expressively and creatively. They will have an opportunity to play a range of instruments. They will listen to a variety of music.
PE	Children <u>must</u> have the following: t shirt, shorts/leggings, socks and trainers. PE kits need to be in school at all times. Please ensure their kit is <u>clearly named</u> so we can find it more easily if it goes missing. Un-labelled kit left in the classroom will be popped into the lost property box. Children will be studying dance and team games.

Important Summer Dates :

9th May: Pirate Day – come in dressed as a pirate for lots of swashbuckling activities.

17th May: 1W class assembly

24th May: 1M class assembly

12th- 16th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

14th July: History Off The Page Seaside Day

Weather

As the weather gets sunnier, please ensure the children have a sun hat that they can use for our outdoor activities. You may also include sun cream (NAMED); the children will be responsible for putting this on themselves. Children can now also bring a water bottle into school. Please ensure they are clearly named!

PE Days

1M – Tuesday and Wednesday

1W – Wednesday and Friday

Please make sure your child has indoor (shorts and t-shirt) and outdoor kit (a pair of trainers/plimsolls, a jumper/jacket and long trousers) at school and that every item is clearly named (please check written labels haven't worn off through washing).

Home Learning

The weekly learning logs will continue to go out every other Friday and will need to be returned by the date on the sticker or earlier. We will continue to send home our information letter on a Friday with suggestions for extra activities you could do at home to support your child's learning.

Show and Tell

The children can bring items for show and tell. These should be related to something they have recently achieved or related to our topic. Please do not bring toys to school.

Reading

At Brampton Village Primary School, we think that reading with your child at home is so valuable and important. Your child should take a book from the lending library (or read a home book) and read it to an adult. They must record how they get on with their reading at home in their reading record, we really value your comments especially if the book was too hard/easy. They have an opportunity to change their book daily in school but it is their responsibility to tell us that they need to change their book. Please make sure your child brings their reading record book in their book bags **every day** so we can check their targets when we read with them in school.

End of day

If there is a change to normal collection arrangements please let your child's class teacher know (tell the person at the door or send a note). Sometimes the children pass on messages that have not been completely accurate.

Name it!

Please can you check that your child's school uniform is named, particularly cardigans and jumpers as they tend to get taken off during the school day. Sometimes we struggle to return lost items because the name has worn off or it is 2nd hand and still has someone else's name in it. Also lots of children have the same water bottle but these are not named either, which can be tricky for the children to then know which is their one.

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,

Mrs Wallace / Mrs Hill (1 Maple) and Miss Lee (1 Willow)