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Re: Curriculum newsletter **Class One**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first week of the new term has been extremely successful, especially considering the strange times we find ourselves in.

The EYFS children will be learning through play directed by the Early Learning Goals (attached) with teacher led sessions on phonics, reading, writing and number. Please find below details of the Year 1 and 2 learning for the half term. There is a table at the end of the document for reference. More information can be found on our website under 'curriculum'.

English

Children will be engaging the stimulus to develop their own writing style whilst working on handwriting, grammar and punctuation. The main focus being on correct letter formation, spacing, sizing, capital letters, full stops and commas. The children's writing will be based around the seasons. All children in the class will be reading regularly individually and in groups. The adults in the room will read stories to the children whilst discussing the plot, characters and events linked to their own experiences.

Phonics will be discretely taught throughout the year from Phase 2 through to Phase 6.

Maths

The children will be investigating number and the number system through the use of resources, images and calculations. Their main focus for this half term will be place value, knowing the value of each digit within a number and relating this to a set of objects. Later in the half term children will be exploring addition and subtraction.

Science

Seasons and weather will be our Science topic this term taught by Mrs Williams. We will be exploring how the four seasons change and what impact this has on us. Weather will also be a focus, thinking about how seasonal weather affects our local environment.

Geography

Class One will be exploring the seasonal changes, weather patterns of the UK, hot and cold places in the world in relation to key landmarks. This will be through books, online resources, outdoor learning and exploration/discussion.

History will be covered in depth next half term.

Music

Nursery rhymes, songs and chants will be the children's focus this half term with the opportunity to practice, recite and perform to their peers.

PSHE

The children will be looking at healthy lifestyles looking at medicines, drugs, alcohol and tobacco and the impact they have on the human body. There will be varied discussion about what is good and bad for our bodies.

Physical Education

At Key Stage 1 we focus on the ABCs (Agility, Balance and Control) securing the building blocks for future sport and healthy lifestyles. This will be done through Gymnastics.

Computing

Computing will be taught throughout the wider curriculum by integrating the use of technology in the classroom. Primarily, we will be using ICT to research information for the wider curriculum.

Art

We will be studying Henri Matisse focusing on shape.

DT will be studied in depth in the next half term.

R.E.

Our big question for this half term is 'Why is the word God important to Christians?'. We will be exploring what God means to Christians and how this impacts on their daily life.

