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Spring Term Newsletter 2018 - Year 1 !

Dear Parents

Welcome back to another exciting term in Year 1.

In this letter we have outlined some of the areas your child will be learning about during this half term. As you may already know there have been some staffing changes in Year 1. Mrs Rodger is still in 'Holly' but for this half term Mr Tagg will be in 'Cedar'. Updates to follow.

We are very fortunate in that we have learning support assistants;

Miss McHugh in 'Cedar'.

Miss Bone in 'Holly'.

Literacy/English

This half term will be looking at Traditional stories, non-fiction text (Inventors and Inventions), lists, labels and captions.

At school your child will participate in a wide range of reading activities; shared reading, guided reading and independent reading. Your child will also have an hour each day following a Read Write Inc. phonic program. We also expect the children to read daily (10 mins), to an adult, at home as part of their homework. Please record their progress on their Reading Diary.

Just a quick reminder: our **library** sessions are as follows: **Cedar** is on **Thursday** afternoon and **Holly** is on **Friday** afternoon. This is a time when the children can choose a book to take home. Library books need to be **returned** the following week on library day.

As in the Autumn term, the children practice handwriting daily and are beginning to learn the cursive script. Please encourage your child to hold a pencil correctly to help him/ her with their writing skills.

Numeracy/Maths

Following our Maths Mastery Programme, which involves the children using equipment as well as a lot of discussion using maths vocabulary, we will be concentrating on:

Counting, ordering and writing numbers to 100.

Counting in 2, 5 and 10.

Adding /subtracting two numbers together, up to 20 and beyond.

Reading the time to o'clock and half past.

Other subjects

Topic Work - This half-term we are learning about **Inventors and Their Inventions**.

Our learning focus will be a mix of History and Science based where we will be looking at the history of various inventions and the lives of the Inventors who created them, as well as giving the children a chance to be Inventors themselves and 'design' an invention before 'creating' a prototype and analysing what they could improve on and why.

Next term our topic is 'Get Up and Go'. We will be focusing on Geography where we will be looking at the school, local environment and farther afield. Our topic work covers most of our Science, Geography and History work as well as Art, DT and Music.

ICT- This term the children will be to create an ebook style powerpoint on Inventors and their inventions. Please encourage your child to use 'Bug Club' to support their home reading.

P.E - Monday outside for both classes and **Tuesdays in the hall.**

Please ensure that your child has a **named PE kit** and plimsolls/trainers.

If your child has pierced ears kindly make sure that they are either removed at home or that your child can take them out independently.

Children who cannot remove their jewellery are expected to take part in a gentler non-contact physical activity. Due to safety reasons head scarves are not permitted in PE lessons.

Home Learning

Home learning will be topic based and set half termly.

In addition the following could be practised on a daily basis at home:

Spelling days of the week

Spelling months of the year

Spelling seasons

Spelling numbers as words to 20

Snack Time

The children have snack each day and we will still be offering a piece of fruit for your child at these times. If you would like to participate in the Cool Milk Scheme then please contact the school office. It would be helpful if your child could bring in to school a named water bottle on a daily basis.

Lunch Time

Just a quick reminder that hot school meals are available.

These need to be pre-ordered using the on-line service 'Live-kitchen.co.uk'

Before you log-in you need to have a password. A reminder of your password can be obtained from the office.

Please note any meals that are pre-ordered and not used due to absence may be charged. It is your responsibility to cancel your order beforehand.

If your child has a packed lunch please ensure that they do not bring in food containing nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks

Home/school diary

Each child has a Home/school diary, which is used to liaise with you about your child. Your child needs to bring this book in every day.

However please feel free to come in and see us if you have any additional questions or queries. You may need to make an appointment to discuss any concerns that can not be dealt with in a short time. Please notify the office if you wish to do this.

End of the day

Please note that the school day starts at **8.40am** and ends at **3.00pm**. If for any reason you cannot pick your child up on time please inform the office immediately on 01494 521401.

We appreciate that sometimes unforeseen circumstances mean that you may ask another adult to collect your child from school at short notice. We would like to remind you that to ensure the safety of your child, we will not be able to send him/her home with a different adult without the office being notified first.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rodger

Mr Tagg