

# Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome to a new school year. This year, Year 1 and 2 will be working closely as a Key Stage 1 phase. Both year groups will cover the same topics on a 2-year rolling programme, which be will differentiated to ensure challenge for all abilities, as well as offering support where it is needed.

## Maths:

The focus this term will be on number; we will be counting, comparing, ordering and recording numbers. We will also be adding and subtracting, as well as looking at strategies to solve simple problems. The children will also be working on quick recall of number facts such as one more, one less, doubles and halves. They will be using reasoning and problem solving strategies to enable them to fully understand number.

## English:

We will be working with a range of texts, including stories, non-fiction and poetry. We will continue following our Letters and Sounds programme to learn and develop the children's phonic knowledge. Children will read regularly during guided reading sessions, they will also bring a book home each night to share with an adult. This book should be recorded in the children's 'Read, Record, Reward' booklet that was sent home, which is the perfect chance to share books and win a prize. Spellings will be sent home to practise weekly but we will no longer be doing a weekly spelling test. This will be replaced by a half termly test to check the children remember the spelling rules they have been taught.

## Science:

What am I?

This term the children will be comparing and identifying different animals.

## ICT:

The children will be exploring the use of control in technology and will be writing and testing simple programs.

## Music:

The children will be following the Tees Valley Music Service Charanga music programme. We will also be exploring Brazilian music through the 'Take 1 image, Take 1 sound' project.

## PHSE:

The topics this term are 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and falling out'. These topics will be covered through various activities and circle time sessions.

## Art:

The children will be investigating and recording Brazilian art through our 'Take 1 Image, Take 1 Sound' theme. They will use a range of appropriate materials and mediums, such as paint, oil pastels and sketching pencils.

## D.T.:

This term we will be making models to support our story writing.

## PE:

PE for Year 1 will take place on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Year 2 PE will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit, clearly marked with their name. This should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and a pair of plimsolls..

## Geography:

We will be travelling around the world in 190 days asking the children 'Where am I?'

## History:

The question 'Who am I?' will introduce our new history topic looking at family trees. Followed by the question 'Why do we remember the 5th November?'

## Homework:

The children will be bringing home a set of spellings each week, as well as their reading book on a daily basis. It is important that you help your child with these tasks because it helps them to consolidate their learning and it strengthens our Home/School partnership. We will be handing out 'Takeaway Homework' again this year to enable children and families to work together on different activities.

Although the children do not start the school day until 8:55 we endeavour to open the doors 5 minutes early to allow a prompt learning start.

If you have any worries please feel free to call in and see us after school when we will have time to discuss your concerns.

The Key Stage 1 team.

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