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Dear Parents

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a good break and the children are keen to be back into a routine.

Our topic for this term is 'What makes our world wonderful?' We will be exploring this topic through different picture books and non-fiction books. Reception children will cover the topic as for year 1, but at their own level.

We will also use the children's interests to support their learning.

Each week I will send a weekly overview of what the children will be learning, so that you can support your child at home. Please use the home/ school diary to share any information, concerns or things that you have been doing at home linked to our topic.

There will be a 'Come and share' session when the children are settled into the routine of the school, to enable you to share your child's learning in an informal atmosphere. This will also give you the opportunity to share their learning journeys and discuss what they have been learning. This will normally be on a Friday afternoon at the end of the half term. **The next 'Come and Share' will be Friday 29th March at 2pm – 2.30. This will give you a further opportunity to look at your child's learning journey and write comments against their learning.** Please feel free to add things electronically onto your child's learning journey about anything new they have done at home.

The children will have an opportunity for 'Show and tell' when they are focus children. Further information to follow.

Phonics will continue to follow Letters and Sounds; we are just moving into phase 3. Year 1 children are taught with the rest of year 1 at a level appropriate for their learning. Information will be sent home on a Friday in the home/ school diary.

Year 1 children English

We will be using stories linked to our topic, looking at stories set in familiar places, labels, lists and caption, instructions, recounts. In poetry we will look at pattern, rhyme and description.



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Maths

We will be learning about position, direction, ordinal numbers, patterns, comparing numbers, addition and subtraction, solving problems, comparing, making the same, estimating, ordering, one more and one less, doubling and halving, odd and even numbers and geometry – names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Topic

Science, History and Geography will be taught through our topic. (YR –Understanding the World)
In Science we will be learning about forces and what is living, not alive and never living. We will also learn about the changing seasons. We will learn about how we have changed and what we need to stay healthy, linked to food and exercise. In Geography we will be exploring the weather and how it changes over the seasons, and comparing our location with Chembakolli, in India.

DT / Art (YR - Expressive Art and Design)

We will be learning about using a range of materials to design and create. We will use different media and materials to explore different techniques. These will include paint, crayons, pencils, charcoal and sculpture.

Computing

We will be starting with e-safety then creating and using algorithms.

Religious Education

We will be learning about

- Change and growth – life and death and caring for our world and one another.
- Books and stories in Christianity and Islam with a focus on justice and fairness.
- Easter and the Easter story

PSHE

The theme this term is Health and Well-being; the children will be taught in their year group.

Both Reception and Year 1 children will access independent learning through our continuous provision which will be linked to the children's needs and interests to promote their independent learning and skills.

Any help you can give your child to find out about any of this term's topics would be most appreciated.

Please ensure all clothes are named (Permanent marker is ideal or sewn in labels) and that children have spares in their PE bag. We encourage children to put their belongings in their book bags to help prevent them going walkabouts, but this doesn't always go to plan!

PE will be on a Wednesday morning. **Please ensure that any earrings or other jewellery is removed and hair is tied back.**

We will be running on a Friday with Mrs Thompson. Please make sure that your child has long joggers and trainers in a plastic bag, as they will get muddy!

Our library day is a **Thursday** [but please return books on a **Wednesday** if possible] Children will be able to borrow a book and return it the following week.

Home Learning

Year 1 children:

Spellings will be sent home weekly and checked the next week. Reading is expected to be undertaken every day. Mathematics tasks will be set on a Friday for the following Friday.

Reception children

Homework will mainly be reading or phonics games or a skill to consolidate what we have been learning in class.

Home learning tasks will follow; this is not compulsory but there is an opportunity to share at the end of the month on a Friday sharing assembly.

All children will take part in Talk Talk (Show and Tell) once or twice a term; when they are focus children. They will also have the opportunity to take our class bear for the weekend and write in his diary.

PLEASE ensure that you read every night with your child and make a note in the home / school diary and send books back every day. Thank you.

Please could you let us know if anyone different is collecting your child, (a note in the home / school diary is fine), and we are always around after school if you want a quick chat about anything.

Kind regards

Amanda Barnes