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Head Teacher: Mr Chris Hansen

Friday 20th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below, a summary of the learning **Year 1** will be covering this term.

Our topic for this term is called 'We are Detectives' During this topic we will be challenging the children's thinking about a wide range of subjects and answering questions such as **What happens plants grow?** and **What were toys like in the past?** We will be encouraging the children to ask and find answers to their own questions. Later this term we will introduce our Science Detectives project where children will be asked to investigate their own scientific interests. The primary focus of our learning is going to be based around Science, History and Art.

"We are Detectives"	
Maths	Learning and using number bonds to 20 Addition & subtraction – reasoning & problem solving Learning & using the 2, 5 & 10 times tables Revision of coins, time, 2D and 3D shapes, turns & sequencing in chronological order Data handling & reading tables Using fraction notation for ½ and 1/4 Investigation skills
English	Writing & performing poetry Writing letters Character and setting descriptions Story writing based on a familiar character Writing a recount Performing a story
Science	Seasonal changes –Spring - Summer. What happens when plants grow? Identifying and naming common plants and trees How can we attract more wildlife to the playground?
History	What were toys like in the past? How have toys changed?
Geography	Comparing environments
Computing	Word Processing Computer Skills
Art	Studying the work of Vincent Van Gogh Recreating pictures in a variety of media
DT	Healthy eating Designing a pizza Creating a healthy lunchbox

PSHE	Relationships Changing Me
RE	Judaism Understanding the importance of Shabbat and Chanukah
PE	Basketball Athletics

Year One Additional Information	
PE kit	PE kit should be left in school all week as PE days can change at short notice. Please ensure that your child has pumps/trainers that fit them, shorts & a coloured Castle T-shirt.
Outdoor learning	Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat when the weather requires it. A text will be sent out if wellies are required.
Homework	
Reading	Please read with your child every night and record this in their Reading Record. This will be invaluable in helping to consolidate their phonic knowledge and to enable them to gain confidence. It also has a positive effect on your child's writing, vocabulary and ability to access all areas of the curriculum.
Spelling	Spellings will be sent home on Thursday to be tested the following Thursday. Practise them in a different order each time!
Maths Facts	Maths Facts will be sent home on Mondays to be tested the following Monday. These are key facts that will support your child to build strong mathematical foundations. Practising little but often is really helpful.
Special Events	
We are due to take the children to Sudeley Castle on 18 th April. We are planning a trip to ASK in Great Malvern in the second half of term to complement our Science and DT work. A letter will follow in due course. Phonics Screening will take place in early June. There will be a Hills Walk on 23 rd July and the KS1 Sports Day will take place on 26 th June.	

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clements and Miss Courage