

11th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Spring in Year 1! Mrs Khaira, Miss Reddings, Miss Oldcorn, Mrs Ashwini and Mrs Burns are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the children this half term.

This half term we will be focusing on the Science based topic of 'plants', with a strong focus on understanding how plants grow, the environmental factors that plants require to grow successfully and different plant varieties available to us in the local area.

Here is a list of our subjects for this half term:

English - We will be covering a number of different genres this half term based around our class text 'I Will not Ever Never Eat a Tomato' by Lauren Child, including instruction writing for planting seeds, non-fictional writing (reports) and poetry.

Reading - It is so important that your child reads every day and that this is recorded and signed in their Reading Journal. When children finish their books please write this in the comments so we know they need to choose another book. Your child should bring their book bag every day. We would expect your child to read at home **every day** and for a comment to be written by an adult **at least** three times a week.

Spelling - In line with the new national curriculum, the children in Year 1 will be covering the spelling lists for Phonics phases 3-5 in weekly Phonics lessons. Lists of words to learn will be sent home on the Friday and should be learnt throughout the week and the children will be tested on the following Friday. It is very important that the children practice these to help them with their writing and their reading.

Maths- This half term we will be continuing to work through the Maths Mastery Programme of Study including looking at 'Addition and Subtraction of numbers within 50'.

Science - Plants. Pupils will plant and observe the growth of seeds, recap the names of different parts of a plant and compare plants growing in the local area.

PE - Developing team building skills; gymnastics.

PSHCE - Money - what the value of money is and how to spend it wisely.

Geography - labelling the UK and investigating the local area and comparing it to a seaside town.

Music - Pupils will be taught a series of immersive composition based music lessons focusing on the growth of plants!

Art - Pupils will be looking at sculpture, and use of media such as paper to create sculpture.

Homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Practicing 2, 5 and 10 times tables with your child would be a great help too.

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school and make sure your child is not wearing any jewellery such or necklaces.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle with them in school as all pupils should have regular water breaks throughout the school day.



The children will be rewarded for good attendance. **Attendance is crucial for children to continue to make good progress this year. If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the school by 9.30 am to inform of the reason for absence. A note must also be written explaining your child's absence on their return to school.**

All children are expected to come to school in full uniform as this is reflective of their learning and their attitude towards school. If a child has an item of uniform missing then they will receive a warning. If that item continues to be missing then the child will miss their playtime. Consistent failure to attend school without the correct uniform will result in referral to a member of the SLT.

We are happy to see you if you have any concerns, questions or problems. After school is the best time for a longer discussion.

Mrs Khaira, Miss Reddings, Miss Oldcorn, Mrs Ashwini and Mrs Burns

