

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the first half of Spring term in Year 1! As you are aware there have been some changes to the Year 1 team. Ms Kidwai will now be the teacher in Birch Class and Mrs Clements will join the team as the teaching assistant for Beech. We are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for this half term.

This half term we will be focusing on the History based topic of 'The Victorians', with a strong focus on Victorian inventors and toys. We will be exploring the life of Queen Victoria and what it was like to live under her rule.

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

**English** - We will be covering a number of different genres this term including biographical writing in the form of leaflets and using our knowledge of labels, captions and lists to help us with various Victorian projects.

**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 'Time'; 'Exploring calculation strategies for numbers within 20' and 'Exploring numbers to 50'. Problem solving will be taught throughout all maths lessons; enabling the children to use and apply the skills learnt that week.

**Science** - Properties of Materials, including those required to make a toy.

**PE** - Developing team building skills; Children need to wear their PE kits on the day they have PE

**PSHCE** - Being a responsible citizen.

**D&T** - designing making and evaluating a Victorian era toy.

**Music** - Pupils will be taught a series of immersive music lessons focusing on the Victorian Industrial Revolution!

**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.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.  
Ms Kidwai, Miss Brown, Mrs Clements and Mrs Rees

