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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter outlines the curriculum for Years 1&2 over this academic term. We are keen to share with you what we are doing in school in order for you to support your children at home.

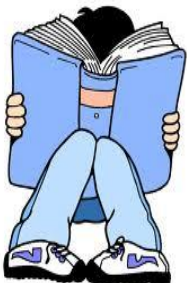
In Maths this term, we shall be learning about:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction



We will also practice rapid recall of number facts. If you are supporting your child with Maths at home, please work on counting forwards and backwards to and from 100, number bonds within 10 and 20, adding and taking away 10 from any number and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In **English** this term, we shall be learning about the following genres:



- Recounts
- Traditional tales
- Poetry

This term there will be a strong focus on letter formation. Could you please support us in this by supervising the spelling homework and ensuring that your child forms their letters correctly and neatly.

In **Art** we will be developing our *observational drawing* skills. We will work of Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet before creating our own drawings.



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In **Science** we are studying *plants*. We will be observing the growth of plants over time, identifying different types of plants and trees and learning about what plants need to grow.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will be learning about *Signs and Symbols* from different religions. We will discuss the importance of belonging to groups, look at the symbols for the six key faiths and describe the significance of different signs and symbols to Christianity and Islam.



In **Music** we are going to be investigating different sounds. We will listen to the sounds around us and discover the different sounds we can make with instruments and our voices.

In **Games** we will be learning the skills needed for playing Hockey, including different ways of striking and passing. **P.E.** this term is Dance and we will be developing our movement skills.



In our **Computing** lessons, we will be developing our *programming* skills. We will use bee-bots to program and de-bug algorithms.



In our **Geography** lessons we are going to be studying *Maps*. We will learn about map symbols, keys and how to use a compass.

In **PSHE** we will be concentrating on *Relationships*. We will be discussing friendships and relationships with people who are important to us.

We would like you to read the school reading books with your child daily for 5 or 10 minutes every evening as well as sharing other books you may have at home. Please record in the Reading Diary when you have heard your child read.

Your child will also have 5 or 10 spellings to practice using the **Look Cover Write Check** sheet. Please ensure your child completes one column a day in pencil and encourage them to form their letters correctly. Your child will be tested on these every week.

Your child may also have high frequency words (key words) to practice. These are designed to help your child build fluency with their reading. Try and practice these daily as your child needs to recognise these words in a random order.

At Great Gaddesden School, we set formal homework for children from **Year 2**. Homework is designed to be completed in no more than 10 or 15 minutes each night and will be of great benefit as your child progresses in their learning. More information can be found on the homework sheet in your child's homework book. There is no formal homework in **Year 1**, but they may have the occasional task to complete – please see the homework sheet in your child's homework book for further information.

Finally, we will be hosting a brief meeting on Thursday 14th September at 3:00pm in our classroom to discuss the year ahead. In the mean-time, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Carty
Year 1 & 2 Class-teacher