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Dear Parents,

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 will be learning about:

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Problem solving
- Shape



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 within 100, number bonds within 10 and 20, adding and taking away 10 from any number, counting in steps of 2, 5, 3 and 10 and recalling these as times tables.

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



- Report writing
- Setting descriptions
- Story writing
- Poetry

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

In **D.T.** we will be learning the practical skills needed to make *sandwiches*. After half term, we will be creating *collages* in our **Art** lessons.



In **Science** we are studying *seasonal change*. We will be observing how the seasons change and what this means for the weather, plants and wildlife.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will be learning about *Islam*. We will be thinking about what it means to belong to this group, how Muslims express their identity and belonging and how this affects their lives. After half term we will be thinking about salvation, Lent and the Bible story 'Daniel in the Lion's Den'.



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 our **Geography** lessons we are going to be practicing our *mapping* skills. We will be creating simple maps, using compass directions and identifying continents, countries, oceans and seas. After half term, we will be studying *Weather*. We will be learning about different types of weather, including dangerous weather, and how this affects us.



We will use our **P.E.** lessons to develop the skills needed to play *tag rugby*. We will also be developing our movement skills in *dance* and *gymnastics* lessons.

In our **Computing** lessons, we will be developing our *photography* skills. We will be taking digital photographs before editing and enhancing them.



In **PSHE** we will be thinking about *Me and Others*. We will talk about what makes ourselves and others special, our roles and responsibilities at home and at school and how we can be cooperative with others.

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.

Finally, homework in Year 1&2 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.

Your child will also have 5 or 10 spellings to practice using the **Look Cover Write Check** sheet. These words will be based on our phonics sound or spelling rule for the week as well as common exception words. Please complete one column a day in pencil and encourage your child 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 be able to quickly sight read these words in a random order.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Carty