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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.

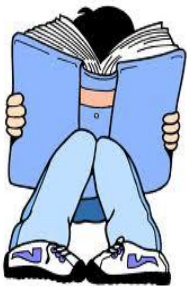
In Maths this term, we shall be learning about:

- Addition and subtraction
- Measure (including length, height, weight, mass, capacity and volume)
- Time
- Statistics



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:



- Stories with predictable phrasing
- Traditional tales
- Reports
- Poetry

This term there will be a strong focus on letter formation, handwriting and spelling. 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 building our own *structures* of castles before turning our creativity to the practical skills needed to make sandwiches after half term.



In **Science** we are studying *animals including humans*. We will be finding out how animals and humans grow and change during their lives and what they need to stay healthy. After half term, we will be looking at *all living things*.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will be learning about *religious leaders*. We will be thinking about what makes a good leader and what it means to be a religious leader. We will also have the opportunity to ask questions to Mr Russell about being a religious leader.



In **Music** we are going to be exploring the score and tempo when listening to different pieces of music.

We will use our **P.E.** lessons to think about how exercise keeps us healthy and we are looking forward to using the better weather to take part in some athletics and rounders. We have also planned for some very exciting karate during our WOW P.E. sessions!

In our **Computing** lessons we will be learning how to use technology to collect and represent data in a variety of ways.



In our **History** lessons we are going to be studying *castles*. We will learn about the parts of a castle, notable castles as well as the history of monarchs. After half term we will be practicing our *map skills* in **Geography**.

In **PSHE** we will be concentrating on *keeping and staying safe*. We will learn how to assess hazards and make the right, sensible choices.

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. 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 recognise 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