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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.

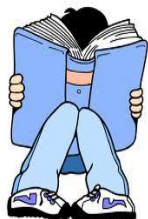
In Maths this term, we shall be learning about:

- Measure
- Shape
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division



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:



- Diary entries
- Biographies
- Traditional tales
- Instructions
- 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 learning the skills needed to make our own fruit salads. After half term, we will be making our own lavender bags.

In **Science** we are studying plants. We will be observing the growth of plants over time, identifying different types of plants and setting up comparative tests to identify the conditions plants need in order to grow well.



In our **R.E.** lessons we will be thinking about belonging. We will be looking at the groups that we belong and what this means as well as what it means to belong to a religion.



In **Music** we are going to be exploring the pulse and pitch within different musical and those that are made by a range of musical instruments.

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



In our **Computing** lessons we will be using technology to create an eBook and, after half term, we will be creating our own computer games.



In our **History** lessons we are going to be learning about the life of Florence Nightingale. We will find out about who Florence Nightingale was, why she was important and how she is remembered for the changes she made to nursing.

In **PSHE** we will be concentrating on feelings and emotions. We will learn how to identify the emotions we are feeling and how we can make the right choices about what to do when we have these feelings.

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