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Year 1 – Summer Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. The children worked extremely hard last term, especially considering all of the effects of Covid. They produced some fantastic fairy tales, became TV chefs, learnt about a variety of creation stories, built umbrellas in Science to try and keep the little pig dry and they learnt lots about the Ice Age in Jersey.

We are looking forward to another exciting term, consolidating previous learning and introducing new skills and knowledge.

This term's newsletter aims to give you an outline of the intended work in your child's class. The focus is on what has been planned for topic work, but a very important programme of basics continues in Mathematics, English and Science.

There is nothing more important to a child than to know that their parents are really interested in their work. Asking about it, going to the library to find appropriate books or perhaps buying a book, if it is particularly interesting, all help to encourage the children.

English

This term in English we will be continuing with Read Write Inc. The guidelines have just changed, so we are finally able to move back to setting the groups as was done pre-covid. This means the children will be moving around the school, working with different adults and in different places. RWInc will be the first lesson of the day, each day. This half term the groups and their teachers are:

Yellow Group – Mrs Caviglione

Blue Group – Mrs McDonald

Green Group – Mrs Dutot

Pink Group – Mrs Lowry

During their RWI hour, the children will be learning and consolidating Speed Sounds (appropriate to their group), reading green words, red words and a coloured story book, completing writing tasks based on their reading book.

It is important that your child tries to read for approximately 10 minutes, at least 4 times a week. If you sign and date your child's challenge sheet each time they read then they can gain a house point after 5 reading sessions (Please remind your child to show this to me. I sign them and give house points for any sheets brought to me in the first 10 minutes). It is also really important to ask questions about the text and make simple inferences based on what is being said or done, in the text.

We will continue to spend time developing and consolidating our writing skills. This will include work on basic sentence structure, punctuation – full stops, question marks and exclamation marks, applying our R.W.I. skills to writing and writing a variety of sentences.

This half term there will be a focus on writing stories. We will be looking at the 'Magic Key' stories working towards writing our own stories. We will be using our knowledge of the Ice Age, for the 'magic key' to take us into pre-historic times.

Every Monday the children will continue to write a recount of their weekend, so please try to discuss with them and help them recount their weekend, verbally.

Mathematics

- Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s

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- Solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays.
- Recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity
- Describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
- Sequence events in chronological order using language [for example, before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening]
- Recognise and use language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years
- Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.
- Recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes

Geography/History

In Geography this half term we will be focusing on 'Brazil'.

- Naming and locating the seven continents of the world.
- Using simple locational language including in front, behind, next to, far away and near to, to describe the location of geographical features on a map.
- Recognising human and physical features.
- Comparing Jersey and Brazil.
- Identifying the similarities and differences between the local environment and one other place.

In the second half term we will be focusing on History. Our topic will be about 'Battle of Flowers'.

Science

Our Science topic this term will be 'Plants'. This term the children will be taught to:

- Identify and describe the basic structure of common flowering plants, including trees
- Identify and name common garden plants
- Identify and name common wild plants
- Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees

trees

The children will also be working on their scientific enquiry skills in lessons and in the 'Investigation Area'.

- observing closely, using simple equipment
- performing simple tests
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions

ICT

The children will be working in the computer suite. We will be practising logging onto the computers independently and opening MS Word. We will be learning how to open, save and edit documents. We will learn how to insert objects, media and change the font.

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P.E.

This term P.E. lessons will take place on a **Monday and Wednesday**. On a Wednesday the children will be working with Mrs Wilderspin on a dance linked to Brazil. We will also be preparing for Sports day. The children will be mastering basic movements and skills in running, jumping and throwing.

RE

This term the children will be working with Mrs Wilderspin. The topic this term is 'What did Jesus teach us?' The children will be learning about the life of Jesus and different parables. It will also give them time to discuss what has been learnt from Jesus.

Art

This term the children will be looking at the artist Romero Britto. He is a pop artist from Brazil. The children will use clay to re-create a sculpture in the style of Romero Britto.

Design and Technology

In the second half term, children will be creating 'cake boxes' to store the Brigadeiro's (Brazilian treats that they will make). The children will design, make and evaluate their boxes. They will decorate their boxes in the style of Romero Britto.

Lunch boxes and snack

The children put their lunchboxes on the Year 1 trolley, on the way into the classroom each morning. The children eat their snack during the morning playtime, so please ensure their snack is in their book bags for the children to access easily at playtime.

Please also try to ensure if it is a reusable pot that it is something that will fit in their tray after snack as some of them are struggling to close their trays due to large snack pots, this causes trip hazards. Water bottles are stored by the sink for the children to access during the day. Please ensure only **water** is in the bottles, as we had some spillages last term.

Homework:

Reading: The children will be expected to read with an adult each evening for about 10 minutes. It would be valuable for the adult who reads with your child to talk to your child about the story or book they are reading to ensure they have a good understanding.

If your child brings home books they have already read, please encourage them to read them again, part of the Year 1 curriculum is to re-read books to develop fluency.

Please encourage your children to take note of punctuation when reading to develop fluency and expression.

Ways to help your child with their learning:

- Reading at home at least 4 times a week
- Asking questions about what they have read
- Using higher level vocabulary – e.g. we stomped through the mud
- Discussing with them unknown words that appear in books
- Number bonds to 10 and then onto 20

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- Reading and writing 2 digit numbers
- Partitioning numbers into tens and ones
- Addition and Subtraction to 10/20/100
- Reading the time – o'clock and half past. Then when your child can do that they can move on to quarter past and then quarter to.
- Identifying coins and notes.
- Adding different coin amounts
- Subtracting money (finding change)
- Creating and continuing patterns
- Counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's
- Ensuring numbers are correctly formed
- Finding half of an even number up to 20
- Doubling numbers up to Double 10
- Identifying common 2D and 3D shapes, discussing their properties (2D – sides, corners/ 3D – faces, edges and vertices)
- Letter formation – ensuring each letter is correctly formed
- Spelling – days of the week, numbers to 20 in words (e.g. 8 = eight), red words.
- Identifying 2 digit numbers (e.g. identifying them in the world around them)
- Using Fred talk to read and spell unknown words
- Reminding children to use capital letters and full stops when writing a sentence
- Encouraging your child to put a question mark at the end of a question

General

Please ensure your child does not bring in any personal objects as there is a worry that these may get broken or misplaced and sometimes distract them from their learning.

Your child only needs to carry their **green book bag** RWI folder, snack, lunch box and water bottle with them. **Please try to avoid purchasing rucksacks as they cause issues in the classroom. The children are finding them too heavy to lift onto the peg, hard to open and they are causing obstructions and safety issues in the classroom. Rucksacks are not used in Year 1 or 2.**

Please ensure that the classroom bottles **only contain water** as if there is a spillage it is much easier to clean up. The children do not need to bring pencil cases or pens from home as the stationary they need is provided in class.

Birthday cakes – I am happy to hand out birthday cakes at the end of the day. We are now allowed to cut up large birthday cakes as covid restrictions have lifted, but it is so much easier for us if you would send individual cakes!

PLEASE CHECK NO PEANUTS DUE TO ALLERGIES.

Mrs Wilderspin will be covering my non-contact time. She will be teaching RE and PE on a Wednesday from 10am to 12pm.

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Look out for updates of what we are up to on the school Facebook page.

Please feel free to contact me at any time; you can do this by contacting the school office.

Many thanks

Mrs M. Lowry

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