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Year 1 – Red Class Newsletter – Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. The children have settled back into school and are ready for their learning in our final term of the year. We have a busy term ahead, so here is some information about the learning topics we have to look forward to and some reminders.

Curriculum

This term we will be learning about The Seaside in history and geography and will be making links with this topic in other curriculum areas too. If you have any books or artefacts that we can borrow for this topic then please label them with your child's name and send them to school for us to use. The attached Medium-Term Overview provides more details about the curriculum areas for this term. As part of the topic, we would like to take the children to the seaside for their class trip this term. More details about this will follow.

Homework & Reading Books & Library

We will continue to change the children's books every week and when your child is reading confidently at the level they are on with close to 100% accuracy we will move them on to the next level. This is to develop their confidence and fluency at that level. Please continue to make sure reading books and records come to school every day so that we can read with them and let you know when they've had their guided reading session where we provide more challenging reading opportunities. We would encourage everyone to share books with their children every day: reading to them as well as hearing them read their school book. Thank you to all those who were able to attend our Reading session last term. If you didn't manage to attend, we do have some booklets of useful information so please ask for one at pickup or drop off.

As well as reading at home, homework will continue to be set once a week. This will usually be based on consolidating phonics and maths skills learnt in class. The tricky words on their keyrings are also part of homework and we suggest practising these at least 3 times a week. We will collect homework books on Tuesdays and return them on Thursdays.

The class will continue to have the opportunity to visit the main school Library on Fridays. If your child would like their book changed, please ensure it is in their book bag on the day.

Phonics Screening

As you may be aware, there is a national requirement for us to test all children in Year 1 on their

phonics. The test will take place over a course of a week in June. The children will work individually with a member of staff they know well to read a list of words with the sounds they have learnt in phonics. Some of the words will be real words and some will be nonsense words. If you have any questions about this then please do ask.

PE

We will continue to have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. However, this may change as we take advantage of the weather and lead sessions outside whenever possible. Therefore, it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day. This should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. A pair of socks would be useful too if your child regularly wears tights to school. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile (one lap for Year 1) on the school's running track. **Please could we also ask that children do not wear earrings to school and that their hair is tied back.**

Clothing and other items

On hot days, please ensure your child comes to school with sunscreen applied and a sun hat. All items of clothing **should have your child's name clearly on the label.** We wish to remind you that children with long hair should always wear it tied back for school, not just on PE days, so that it doesn't get in their way during learning activities.

Please could we request that every child has a **Camp school book bag** rather than a rucksack. Rucksacks take up a lot of space on the pegs which makes it tricky for the children to hang up their coats and PE bags. A drawstring bag for PE kits is also preferable. If this is particularly tricky (e.g. to manage things on a bike), a small backpack would be preferable.

Role play/crafts and recycle materials:

If you have any of the following items that you no longer need, we will be grateful for any donations towards our role play areas and craft supplies.

Role play: 'Pet Grooming Salon' - we need some combs/brushes, toy pets, plastic safety mirrors and hair accessories.

Seaside- we need buckets/spades, sea creatures, water toys, toy ice creams, child size deck chairs/camping chairs.

Craft: Please continue to send in small boxes, card tubes and wrapping paper as well as anything else for crafting, such as ribbons, buttons and beads. Thank you so much for your contributions so far.

Communication

As before, the best time to catch us for a quick conversation is at the end of the day, although we understand that sometimes you will need to pass us a quick message first thing. Should you have any concerns you wish to discuss in more detail we are happy to schedule a time to talk so that we have the time needed to address these properly. Please do come to us (or send an email via the office) with any concerns or questions.

Best wishes,

The Year 1 team