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Year 1- Red Class Newsletter - Summer Term 2026

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.

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.

Book Trust has a few good tips for reading together at home - Reading tips | BookTrust as well as their book finder if you are looking for inspiration - Bookfinder | BookTrust Books for Topics also has some great resources and a recommended reading list for Year 1 which we distributed during our phonics workshops- Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6 . Most of these books can be found either in our school library or in the local libraries, which continue to be a fantastic resource.
The class will continue to have the opportunity to visit the main school Library on Tuesdays or Fridays. If your child would like their book changed, please ensure it is in their book bag on that day.
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. In the next few weeks the children will be coming home with a keyring with the tricky words on. The 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 a Friday.

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 attend wearing a **full** PE kit on these days. This should include the Camp School PE top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of trainers (Uniform - Camp). During

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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 long hair is tied back.**

Clothing and other items
During the summer term, 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.

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:
Seaside - we need buckets/spades, sea creatures, water toys, toy ice creams, child size deck chairs/camping chairs, shells and anything seaside related.
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.

Craft & cooking contribution
If you are in a position to do so, we would really appreciate if you could contribute £6 (or anything up to this amount) for craft supplies this term - please make your donations on Arbor under Trips>Craft & Cooking Year 1 Summer 26. We are very grateful for the donations we have received so far this year, which has allowed us to restock our craft supplies and buy ingredients for playdough as well as getting some additional items for our outdoor area.

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.

Dates for the diary
In case you have missed them on previous correspondences:

Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May (School closed)
Year 1 class assembly - Thursday 14th May at 9:10am
Theme Week 18th – 22nd May
Seaside Trip - tbc
St Albans Half Marathon - Sunday 14th June
INSET Day- Friday 26th June (School closed)
End of term 1:30pm - Wednesday 22nd July

Best wishes,

The Year 1 team