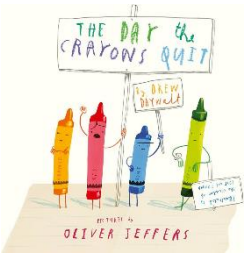
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term and that your children are glad to be back at school. We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. Here is a newsletter to update you on what is coming up this term.

Literacy



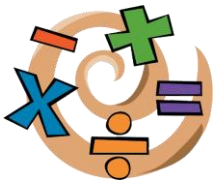
In Literacy we are reading a book called 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' Our crayons in the class have gone missing and we need to find them again. In the story, there are lots of letters from the crayons explaining why they are not working anymore. Our final outcome will be to write a letter to the crayons, asking them to return to class.

During our daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills. We are focusing on using our sounds to segment and blend words using 'Fred Talk'. Please use the hand-out from parents evening to help you support your child at home.

To develop comprehension in reading, we use the Talk Through Stories programme. Talk Through Stories helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature. The link below will take you to a video that explains a bit more about the importance of Talk Through Stories.

Talk Through Stories

Mathematics



This half term we will continue to look at addition and subtraction within 10. We will be using our knowledge of number bonds and concrete objects to help us with different number challenges. We will also be learning about length and height before beginning to learn about numbers to 20.

All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solving real life problems. Any time you can practise writing numbers, addition and subtraction and counting, will help your child with their fluency and various areas of maths.

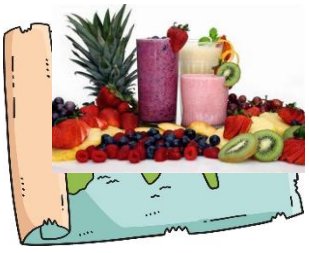
Science



As scientists, we will be investigating what happens in Autumn and Winter. We will be looking at the different signs of Autumn and Winter through various outdoor learning activities. We will also be continuing our topic on animals. **We will have a visit to the Zoo at some point this term.**

Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be collaborating as part of a group to design and create our own healthy smoothies.



Geography

This half term we are focussing on Geography. We are leaning all about the geography of our school. We will be locating different areas and learning how to read or use Maps, looking at pictures of aerial maps and creating our own. We will then look at our Island and identifying places we know.

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PSHE / JIGSAW



This half terms JIGSAW is focusing on celebrating differences. The children will be looking at how we are all special and unique, and how we respect people's differences.

Computing



In Computing this half term, we will be continuing our topic on technology around us and will move onto digital planning.

RE



In Religious Education we will be looking at what Christians think God is like. We will learn about the Parable of 'The Lost Son' and how it teaches Christians about forgiveness.

PE



Our PE days for both Year 1 classes are on Wednesday for Year 1D and Friday for Year 1B. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days. We will also have bike ability on a Tuesday. The children will complete 3 sessions each consecutively.

Music



Mrs Le Brun will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons. We will be learning the songs to go with our chosen Nativity play which we can't wait to share with you.

Homework



In order to keep developing our reading skills and a love of reading, it is really important to read at home regularly. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year. To develop this love of reading, it is important to share stories together with your child.

Depending on your child's Read Write Inc group, some children will also take home the book/reading sheet they have practised in class. It is important that your child re-reads this book/sheet at home to develop confidence and fluency in their reading.

If your child is not taking a Read Write Inc book home, then we will ask that you practise phonics at home using ideas which will be sent home in their book bags such as green words with the sounds they have learnt.

General Information

We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning will be like in Year 1. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the Year 1 doors at the end of each school day, but you can also email us to arrange a time to meet.

Kind Regards,

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