June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an insight into what your child will be learning at school this term and how you can best support them at home.

Both your child’s Reading and Writing sessions at school will centre around the story *The Robot and the Bluebird* by David Lucas. This book is available on many online resources, such as YouTube, and there are also copies in the Swindon libraries if you would like to read it with your child to familiarise them with the story and its characters. This is **not** compulsory but would benefit your child if you are able to do so.

**The Phonics Screener test will take place for all Year One children on the week commencing Monday 10th June.** It is important that your child attends school all week as it is uncertain as to when your child will take part in the screener during the week.

We will be focusing on **Seasonal changes** within our Science lessons with a particular focus on the Summer season, sunlight and shadows.

This term in History, the topic will be **Castles** Year One will be learning about features of castles and what they are used for.

In Term Six, as part the PSHE Jigsaw curriculum, Year One will be learning about the topic Changing Me. This will involve the children to learn about life cycles, talking about how they have changed as they have got older, talking about how boy’s and girl’s bodies are different using the correct names for private body parts and also sharing experiences of change in their life [for example, starting school or moving house].

A few reminders as we go into the last term. **PE will continue to be on Wednesday and all children are required to bring in a PE kit to change into at school. We also expect you to provide a named water bottle for your child to keep in the classroom everyday.** Homework will also continue as normal, set on a Friday and handed in by the next Wednesday. Children can continue to change their reading books every morning.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team; Mrs Willoughby, Miss Coleman, Mr Roberts and Miss Smith.