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Information for parents of Year 1 and 2 children – Summer 2022

Dear parents

This letter aims to provide you with information about routines, the curriculum, homework etc. within the Year 1 and 2 classes this term.

Communication

We continue to use Class Dojo as our primary way to provide communication with parents. Newsletters and homework menus will also be posted on the class story so it is vital that you are signed up to Class Dojo. It is also a good way of communicating with your child's class teacher. If you have any problems connecting or do not have access to Class Dojo then please contact your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can contact the office by phone or email. Can we ask that if your child is absent, to contact the office directly?

Learning

This term there will be two topics – 'The Scented Garden' and 'Seaside'. Summer 1 will be looking at plants, identifying and naming plants and trees and then observing how seeds and bulbs grow. In English we will be focussing on comparing versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and the children will also be creative in Art by exploring sewing. In Summer 2, the topic is Seaside. This topic will be focussed on Geography with the children comparing Cleethorpes with a different location. During this term the children will create a mixed media collage.

Educational Visits

No visits have been arranged yet, however we are making some exciting plans for our 'Seaside' topic.

Staff – a couple of changes

The Year 1 teachers this term will be Miss Evison and Miss James sharing a Year 1 class. Mrs. White and Mrs Robinson (Thurs) will have Y1/2 and Miss Bunn Y2. Other members of staff : Miss Powell, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Kirkham, Mrs Abul-Hawa, Mrs Boam, Mrs Cartwright, Mrs Tuck, Mrs Wright and Mrs Willett.

PE

PE will be as follows.

Miss Bunn's class – Monday and Wednesday

Mrs White's class – Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Evison and Miss James' class – Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days (Red PE T-shirt and black shorts). Your child should also have trainers as PE may take place outside. Please note that earrings must be taken out for PE lessons and members of staff cannot do this. Children **cannot** take part in PE lessons wearing earrings and cannot cover earrings with plasters. Please note that P.E is a statutory requirement.

Spelling

The children will be given spellings on a Friday to learn at home. These spellings will be based on the phonics sounds that your child is working on or will be high frequency/tricky words. Your support in helping your child to practise their spellings will be greatly appreciated. Spellings will be tested the following Friday (for everyone).

Reading/Bug Club

It is most important that your child continues to read at home on a regular basis. This year we are trying to make the children more independent in choosing their own reading books. Unless they are on a phase book, children will select their own scheme book. We will try to make sure that they choose a different book but there may be the odd times when they might bring the same book home. This may be a time when they could select a book from their bug club account. There is an expectation that children read their school books each week, which will be sent home. This could be a book from school, using online reading (BUG CLUB) or other books that you might have at home.

All the children will take part in a guided reading session with the class teacher once per week. The children will bring at least one book home per week. Additional phonic books may also be sent home. **Reading books will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday, at the latest, to enable books to be changed.**

Times tables

There is an expectation that all Year 1 children can count in 2s, 5s and 10s up to 24, 60 and 120 respectively. In Year 2 the expectation is that children have rapid recall of all the facts from each of these tables as well as knowing the division facts i.e. How many 5s are there in 35? Your child's class teacher will make it clear what each child should practise at home. Tables' tests will take place in Year 2 classes on a weekly basis.

Homework

We are continuing with the homework journals. These produce some high quality homework and also enable children and parents to share 'longer' pieces of homework. Every child will be given a homework book that will be their responsibility. Each term there will be a homework 'menu' stuck into the homework book and posted on the class story of Class Dojo. This will contain a set of interesting and fun activities related to the work being done in class. The expectation is that your child should choose at least 6 activities from the menu over the half-term and, once an activity has been completed, bring the homework book into class. We hope that this will encourage your child to take more 'ownership' of their homework as well as improving the quality of homework.

Picking up

Due to safeguarding procedures, if your child is being collected by someone who wouldn't normally come for them, **please make your child's teacher aware at the beginning of the day or ring the school office.** This is for your child's safety.

Other information

The children are allowed to have a drink at different times during the day, though cups are not provided. We would encourage your child to bring **a named, labelled, bottle of water or another sugar free drink**, which can be kept in the classroom. This should be taken home each evening to be washed and refilled. Please ensure that your child **does not** bring toys to school unless they have been asked to.

Sun Safety

As the weather is getting warmer, you may want to send your child with a hat and sun-cream which are labelled. Please be aware that your child must be able to apply the cream themselves and are not permitted to share with other children in school.

Hopefully, this letter will answer your questions about the term ahead. Keep looking at whole school letters posted on the school's website and also on your class' class story. If you do require further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Miss Bunn Mrs White Miss James Miss Evison Mrs Robinson