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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new term. Your children have settled brilliantly following the Easter break. This letter aims to provide you with all the information that you need within the Year 1 and 2 classes.

Learning

This term there will be two topics. Our first topic in Summer Term 1 is 'Victorian Cleethorpes' which will be history based. To deepen the children's understanding of their local area, the children will be taught about the changes at the seaside. They will explore how a place that is significant to them has changed over time, beyond their living memory.

Our second topic in Summer Term 2 is 'Our Seaside'. The children will learn about their local seaside, Cleethorpes. The children will identify and describe what Cleethorpes is like in terms of jobs, amenities, weather and landscape. They will be able to describe the human and physical features of the seaside. We will have an exciting visit to Cleethorpes during the second half term. More details to follow nearer the time.

In science, we will have two topics. The first is 'Plants'. The children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and understand the conditions for health and growth of a plant. The second topic this term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will observe habitats and micro-habitats and will use the idea of simple food chains.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home on a Thursday. We ask that you bring your child's book bag to school on a **Wednesday**. If they do not come in by Wednesday, we cannot guarantee your child's book will be changed that week. Please try to read your child's reading book with them at least 3 times weekly and more if possible! Practise makes perfect! Reading books are matched to your child's phonic knowledge. Your child will also choose a book from our Love for reading library. This book is not for your child to read by themselves, but for you to share together.

The Year 1 children will be taking part in the statutory Phonics Screening Check in the week commencing 9th June. Over the next few weeks, the children will bring home games to play with you to help them practise for this. You can also access www.phonicsplay.co.uk. Two of our favourites are: Buried Treasure and Picnic on Pluto.

Spellings

The children will be set spellings on a Friday to learn at home. These spellings will be based on the phonic phase that your child is working on. Children will be able to log into EdShed.com to access their spelling words for that week and engage in spelling games and activities to aid them. Your support in helping your child to practise their spellings will be greatly appreciated. Spellings will be tested the following **Friday**.

Maths

Children will have weekly 'Learn It' tests. You will receive this term's 'Learn Its' to practise at home. We encourage Year 2's to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.

PE

There will be 2 PE lessons per week. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in the appropriate PE kit on these days (Springfield PE shirt and black shorts). Wherever possible, PE will take place outside. Children may wear a school sweatshirt/school PE hoodie and plain black leggings/jogging bottoms if the weather is cooler. Please note that earrings must be taken out for PE lessons and members of staff cannot do this. If children are wearing earrings, they are able to cover them with plasters. We kindly ask that items of PE kit, particularly sweatshirts, are named.

Each class will have P.E on the same days. Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Homework

Please look out for our new homework menu for this half term. This will contain a set of interesting and fun activities related to the work being done in class. Children should choose an activity and once completed bring the homework book into class or post a picture on your child's dojo portfolio. Children can complete these at their own pace and are not compulsory, but it is always lovely to see work that you have done together at home!

Communication

The children will continue to receive rewards on Class Dojo. Important updates will go out on the whole school newsletters and via MCAS.

For your child's safety, please can you make sure that you inform the class teacher (at the door in the morning) or contact the school office if your child is being collected from school by someone other than yourselves.

Twitter

We continue to use Twitter to showcase our learning in school. We try to post regularly to give you an idea of what we have been up to. We use the hashtag #springfieldyear1and2.

Before and After School

We kindly ask that before and after school, children refrain from going on the tyres, trim trail and using any of the equipment. This is because the playground is very busy at these times.

Sun Safety

As the weather becomes warmer, you may want to send your child with a hat and suncream. Please ensure that these are clearly labelled and be aware that your child must be able to apply the suncream themselves, and they are not permitted to share with other children in school.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Stage One Team