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Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Year 1 Class teachers – Miss Cadden and Miss Downs

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We have another exciting term planned for the children. Please take a look at the overview of what will be taught this half term.

Mathematics	English
<p>In Maths, the children will be learning about 'Multiplication and Division.' This topic includes counting in twos, fives and 10s. We will be using a hundred square to notice the patterns. We will also be solving some one-step problems involving multiplication and division by using concrete objects, pictures and arrays with some support.</p> <p>As well as this, we will be touching upon 'Fractions'. This topic will include using the language of a half and a quarter, using objects to show the equal parts.</p>	<p>The children will be reading and studying the book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. (<i>Lila's Kenyan village is suffering a terrible drought. When Lila hears her mother say that 'without water there can be no life' she sets out on a quest to uncover the secret of rain and so save the village. This modern folk tale reminds us of how necessary and precious water is for survival and provides opportunity to explore together some larger themes of conservation.</i>)</p> <p>Through this story, the children will explore the general structure of a story (opening, build-up, problem, resolution, ending) and write their own. In all lessons, we will continue to practise ensuring our writing is clear by using finger spaces, punctuation and capital letters where required. We will be teaching children about singular and plural words and how to correctly add –s and –es to turn words from singular to plural.</p> <p>In Phonics, they will be building on all previous learning and working our way through all of the Phase 5 sounds and tricky words.</p>
Science	
<p>We will be learning about different types of animals in Science. In particular we will be exploring the different groups of animals, identifying their features and comparing their similarities and differences (e.g. mammals, reptiles, fish etc.) Along with grouping animals, we will be grouping them by behaviours, especially what they eat.</p>	
P.E	PSHE
<p>In PE lessons, the focus will be on gymnastics and ball skills. In gymnastics, children will be exploring balances and movements using different parts of their body. In ball skills, children will be developing their skills of rolling and throwing to a target.</p>	<p>The children will be looking at how they have developed as people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be looking at feelings and recognising how they make us feel.</p> <p>As well as this, we will be learning about the different types of relationships we have with people including our families, friends and even ourselves.</p>
Geography	RE
<p>In Geography we will be exploring a location that is very different from our local area. By focusing on an African village, we will explore similarities and differences in location, weather, culture and environment.</p>	<p>In RE our topics are 'Holidays and Holy Days' and 'Being Sorry'. In these topics we will be learning about Pentecost and Reconciliation, and deepening our faith.</p>