

## Year 1A Newsletter - Summer Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The children have returned full of enthusiasm and we look forward to a busy term ahead. We are supported in Year 1A by Miss Clark. You will find below an outline of our learning for this term.

PSHCE Keeping healthy (sleep, exercise, sun safety), Keeping safe (rules and age restrictions), Managing feelings

Phonics Every day begins with phonics. The children are split into small groups and practise sounds, reading and spelling.

Literacy We will focus on some key texts including *Look What I Found at the Seaside* (Moirra Butterfield and Jesus Verona), *The Queen's Handbag* (Steve Antony), *Errol's Garden* (Gillian Hibbs), *Jack and the Beanstalk* (Traditional)

We will practise writing simple sentences with capital letters, word spaces and full stops. We will begin to write longer sentences using joining words such as *and*, *but*. We will practise our handwriting every day.

Maths Multiplication and Division (counting in twos, fives and tens, making doubles and equal groups), Fractions (making and finding one half and one quarter), Geometry (describing turns and positions), Place Value (counting, comparing and ordering numbers to 100), Money (recognising coins and notes, counting coins), Time (times to the hour and half hour)

Science Changes (Growth and Seasonal Change), Coastal and Marine Animals, Plants

Geography What is my country like? (identifying the United Kingdom on maps and globes, naming the countries of the United Kingdom, locations of capital cities, regional landmarks, physical features)

History Who has helped make history? (Who was Beatrix Potter? Why do we remember her? What was life like for her?)

RE Why is the Bible special to Christians? (What is the Bible like and how is it used and treated in Church?, Who was St Francis and why did he care about the world?)

Computing Staying safe online, basic keyboard skills, algorithms

Music Little Fingers (singing, percussion and movement with a specialist from Durham Music Service)

Art Art and Design Skills (printing, colour mixing, abstract compositions)

DT Structures – Constructing a windmill

PE Athletics, Games, Yoga

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### Additional Information

#### Book bags

Please bring your blue book bags to school every day so that reading books and reading records can be accessed daily. Bigger bags don't fit in the classroom trays.

#### Bedtime Reading Bags

These will be sent out on Thursday. Please return by Wednesday so that every child has a chance to select a new bag.

#### PE bags

PE sessions are on Mondays and Tuesdays. We will keep PE kits in school until half term, when they will be sent home to be washed. Please remove earrings on PE days or supply surgical tape so earrings can be made safe.

#### Water Bottles

All children have a water bottle provided by school. These are washed thoroughly and refilled every day. Please leave other water bottles at home, unless your child has a packed lunch.

#### Homework

The most important homework at this stage is reading. Ten minutes on most days is much more effective than one longer session per week. Please write one comment per week in your child's reading record. If you are struggling to get your child to cooperate, please ask – you are not alone!

If you have any queries about your child's learning in school or any other issue you wish to discuss, please see me after school or leave a message for me to contact you in the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kalus