YEAR ONE CURRICULUM LETTER SPRING TERM 2023

Wednesday 21st December 2022

Dear Parents, Merry Christmas!

We hope you find the curriculum information in this letter and the attached curriculum web helpful.

January 2023:

- PE and Music will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Molyneaux and Mrs Houslander. The children will continue to come to school on Thursdays wearing their PE kit.
- Books will still be changed on Monday's and homework will be set on Friday.
- In **English** we will continue to focus explicitly on the strategies and skills required for reading and writing, as well as speaking and listening. This term we will be further developing the children's descriptive and imaginative writing as well as looking at the features of non-fiction texts and learning to write instructions. Thank you for your continued support in hearing your child read *every* night, as this is vital for their ongoing progress in reading development. It also provides them with an opportunity to further practise the strategies taught in class. Asking questions before, during and after reading will also assist with your child's understanding of the text.
- In Phonics the children will continue their Rocket Phonics lessons, that correspond with the Phonics booklet handed out for homework. The children will be revising previously taught sounds, learning new sounds and alternative pronunciations of previously taught sounds. We will continue to focus on identifying blends in words and using their phonic knowledge to sound out and read real and made up words.
- In **Maths** we will continue to build on the areas covered in the previous term, and the children will be developing the strategies needed to solve simple problems. The topics being covered in Maths are outlined on the Spring curriculum web.
- In **R.E.** we continue to follow the "Come and See" scheme, which has been produced by the Diocese. We begin this term with a topic entitled "Special People" followed by "Meals" and finally "Change".
- In **Science** we will cover the topics, 'Animals including Humans' and 'Seasonal Change'.
- Our **History** focus this term is 'Journey to the Past' looking at how toys, school and homes have changed over the last 100 years. In January, we will also be visiting Milestones Museum, where we will be taking part in sessions related to toys from the past.
- Our **Geography** focus will be 'Going on Safari!' Where the children will learn about Africa, maps and climates.
- In **Art** the children will be exploring colour and pattern, and creating their own animal camouflage pictures.
- In **DT** the children will be planning, making and evaluating their own healthy sandwich.

Thank you once again for your help and support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lawrence and Miss Angel