

YEAR ONE CURRICULUM LETTER

SPRING TERM 2024

Thursday 21st December 2023

Dear Parents,
Merry Christmas!

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

January 2024:

- PE and Music will continue to be on a Thursday morning.
- **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.
- In **Maths** we will be covering 'numbers to 20', 'Addition and subtraction within 20', 'numbers to 50', 'Length and height' and 'Mass and Capacity'.
- In **R.E.** we continue to follow the "RED Scheme" and our topic for Spring 1 is called 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. In this topic, the children will be learning about the hidden life of Jesus.
- In **Science** we will cover the topics, 'Animals' 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 'People and their Communities', where the children will be learning to name and locate the world's seven continents, exploring human and physical geography of a small area in several non-European countries and they will be looking at images, maps, atlases, and globes.
- In **Art** the children will be making sculptures out of paper.
- In **DT** the children will be planning, making and evaluating their own fabric puppet.

Thank you once again for your help and support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lawrence and Miss Angel