Welcome
Wow! The children have returned after the Christmas break not only looking taller but really ready to learn.

This letter gives you an overview of what to expect from the Spring term, including details of the curriculum and trips.

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-Year 1 team

Learning Theme

TOY STORY
Our first spring theme is Toy Story. As historians we will be looking at toys from the past and comparing them to modern toys, focusing on the appearance and materials used to make them.

In Science we will investigate why toys are made out of specific materials and if all toys are malleable and why?

As geographers we will be looking at toys from around the world and they will be considering how other children’s lives differ from their own. We will be looking at how we can help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

AMAZING ANIMALS
Our second spring theme is Amazing Animals. We will be finding out about different animal species and learning to classify them. We will also be looking at the similarities and differences between species as well as habitats and how we can protect the animals in our world.

As geographers we will be looking at the 7 continents of the world in more detail and thinking about different human and physical features.

As artists we will be looking at the work of Henri Rousseau and using his work as inspiration to create our own jungle pictures and paper sculptures.

PSHE
We will be looking at: - what is volunteering and the impact we can have on others’ lives.

We shall also be exploring respectful relationships with friends and family and how children grow and change.

Mathematics

In the 1st half of this term we will be continuing:
- Name different 2D shapes and some basic 3D shapes.
- Look at the properties of basic 2D shapes and some basic solid shapes.
- Group shapes according to different properties.
- Recognise and describe patterns.
- Measurement: length and height and how to use a ruler.
- Consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 20 and exploring numbers to 40 in different ways.

In the 2nd half of this term we will be:
- Comparing numbers and looking at number patterns
- Solving word problems through addition and subtraction
- Begin to learn the foundations of multiplication through equal groupings, repeated addition. Arrays and doubling

How can parents/Carers help? Discussion and questioning are the two most powerful teaching tools. Where ever you can link everyday things to maths. Such as money: looking at the values of the coins in your pocket or in the kitchen looking at the measuring jugs and asking your child to help. It all helps.

English

This term we will be using story books related to our themes to retell a story focusing on repetitive language and including detail.

As writers, we will be developing our skills at writing a simple sentence accurately focusing on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. As well as understanding the term noun, verb, adjective and plural.

PE

We will have a PE session every Thursday so please ensure kits are in school. This term we will be working co-operatively together and also creating our own dances to reinforce our theme work on Animals.

After the holidays we will be continuing to work on our games skills with Mr Gascoyne.

Home Learning

Our homework is given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. The children can complete homework in any way they wish using the given information.

We will be sending out weekly spellings. Please practise writing these within sentences with your child.

Please read with your child as often as possible as reading is such an important and pleasurable skill.