



## Dear Parents

Looking forward to the rest of this new term, we just wanted to outline some of the changes that will take place next term and to remind you of a few of the routines that are in place in Year 1.

### Curriculum Summary

The **thematic** topic this term is called Journeys. This has a Geography emphasis and we will be investigating all different ways that people travel around the world now and how this has changed over time. If you have any photographs/items at home that are linked to our thematic topic for us to use or display in our classroom/cloakroom area they will be greatly appreciated. We are specifically looking for a variety of photographs showing different types of transport. We will also be taking the children on a trip to the Coventry Transport Museum.

**Science** - Introduction to Forces  
Senses

#### **Numeracy** –

- Oral and mental e.g. counting, mental strategies, rapid recall,
- Counting and properties of numbers
- Place value and ordering
- Understanding + and –, Mental calculation strategies (+ and -)
- Money and real life problems
- Making decisions (choosing correct calculation to solve problem)
- Measures, shape and space
- Reasoning
- Data handling

#### **Literacy** –

- Text work - Narrative, Non-Fiction and Poetry, (this is rotated through each term)
- Phonics work- Tricky and Decodable words from the Letters and Sounds strategy
- Sentence level - Writing independently in a variety of ways using a wordbook. Use of Capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks.

**ICT** - logging on and off independently, loading google, basic Internet research, often based on our Thematic or science topic, on specific named sites and word processing.

**RS** – Bible stories and the Easter story.

**PSHE** - Routines, Rules, Kindness, similarities and differences.

#### **Games**

On Friday afternoon at school, in the school gym. Please make sure children come with their full games kit. If the weather is cold a fleece or waterproof jacket would be recommended.

## **PE**

This will continue to take place on a **Tuesday** morning. All children will need a P.E kit. We will use the Gym equipment and as the weather improves we will move outside to work on ball skills.

## **Swimming**

The children will continue to swim at Newbold Comyn swimming baths on a Monday morning. Please ensure that all children come with the appropriate, named swimming kit. Boys – Swimming trunks, towel and goggles (if desired). Girls – Swimming costume, swimming hat, towel and goggles (if desired).

## **Library**

We will continue to visit the library on a Friday morning.

## **Wednesday Clubs 3.30-4.00**

Clubs for year 1 and 2 **will begin Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. Please sign up as last term.

## **Homework**

Reading will be sent home every day except Thursday. We will continue to hear the children read in school up to 3 times per week. As your child progresses through the levels please do not feel the child has to read the whole book in one night, often it is better to read some then discuss the theme and the children's own ideas. However all children are individual and your judgement about the quality of their reading should dictate how much your child should read.

Spellings and written homework will start again on the second week of the term, to allow time for the children to settle back in after the holidays. Spellings will continue to be tested on a Tuesday, and new spellings will be given out on a Tuesday. Homework folders will also continue to be sent home on a Thursday and are to be returned on the following Wednesday. The amount of homework may vary from week to week and is often differentiated in ability and amount. All children are different and we try to acknowledge this when preparing homework. Homework provision is under review at present so there may be a change in this process during the term.

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas holidays, and hope that it was a relaxing break with family and friends.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us to discuss any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rayner and Mrs Alexander