



Dear Parents

We would like to welcome you all back to the new school year. We just wanted to outline some of the routines that are in place in Year 1 and give you an outline of the topics that will be covered this term.

Curriculum Summary

The **thematic** topic this term is called Talking Time. This has a History emphasis and we will be looking at how we do different things at different times of the day, week and year. We will then move on to looking at prehistoric animals and cavemen and women, and what things were like when they were on the Earth. There will be a trip to the Herbert Gallery and Museum in October to see the BBC Walking with Beasts exhibition. This has all the animatronics that featured in the BBC Walking with Beasts TV show.

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.

Science - Materials

Light and Dark

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 – What does it mean to belong? Celebrations: Harvest, Diwali and the Christmas Story - Giving and Receiving.

PSHE - New routines-changes and reminder of School expectations and Rules.

Myself and my relationships, friendship and difference and communication and participation.

Games

On Friday afternoon at the Leamington cricket field, weather permitting, or 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 take place on a **Tuesday** morning for both classes and will be taught by a member of the games department. All children will need a P.E kit in school from a Monday.

Swimming

The children will 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 visit the school library on a Friday morning.

Wednesday Clubs 3.30-4.00

Clubs for year 1 and 2 **will begin on Wednesday 14th September**. Please sign up on the sheets in the playground when you bring your child to school in the morning. Each club will be limited to 12 except origami, with Miss Robson, which will be limited to 10. Places are on a first come, first served basis.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Reading will be sent home every day except Thursday. We will 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 will not start until week 3 this will allow time for the children to settle back in to the school routine after the holidays. Spellings will be tested on a Tuesday, and new spellings will be given out the same day.

Homework folders will 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.

We hope that you had a lovely summer holidays and please do not hesitate to come and see us to discuss any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rayner and Mrs Alexander