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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely first half term together, getting to know each other and getting to know your child/ren's abilities. We hope you had a good half term and are ready to explore new ideas and gain more exciting knowledge throughout the second half of our Autumn Term.

Year 1 Topics

The topics we will study this term are:

Autumn 2 Houses and Homes

History

Last term, linked to Black History month, we learnt about two significant women. They were Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks. We discovered why they were good leaders and how they helped to change our world for the better.

This term we are focusing on 'Homes'. We will focus on the different types of homes, our own homes, homes through time and will finish with designing our own dream home.

English

We will be studying English through texts, our focus texts will be: 'The 3 little pigs', 'Goldilocks and the three bears', 'Magic Grandad's Homes by Grahame Sherfield' and 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. These books will allow us to look at and write in many different genres including fiction, non-fiction and focus on the quality of their writing.

In Phonics we are going to continue revising the set 2 sounds: ay/ee/igh/ow/oo/oo/ar/or/air/ir/ou/oy. We will learn the rest of the set 3 sounds which involves learning more ways of writing the same sound: /ee/ and /ea/, /oy/ and /oi/, /ay/ along with /ai/ and /a_e/, /igh/ and /i_e/, /ow/ along with /oa/ and /o_e/, /oo/ along with /ew/ and /u_e/, /or/ and /aw/, /air/ and /are/, /ir/ along with /ur/ and /er/, /ou/ and /ow/. In grammar this term, we will continue our objective of ensuring children are using finger spaces, full-stops and capital letters in the correct way. We will also be focussing more on the presentation and neatness of our handwriting.

Maths

We will continue with addition and subtraction within 10. We will work out how to find a part, subtraction, to know fact families and will compare addition and subtraction statements. We will end the term learning about shape and will focus on place value within 20. It would greatly be appreciated if the children are regularly practising forming their numbers correctly and can work out missing number parts e.g. if 7 is my whole and 3 is a part, what is my other part? (4).

RE

Last term the other religion we looked at was Judaism. This term we have another two RE topics. We will continue with:

Baptism/Confirmation – belonging

BELONGING and then move onto

Advent/ Christmas – Loving

WAITING

Science

Our next science topic is 'Materials'. In this topic the children will learn about a variety of materials, they will distinguish and describe materials. We will also investigate which materials are waterproof and which ones are not.

PE

Our class PE sessions are with Coach Ashley on Tuesday morning. Please ensure children come in wearing appropriate PE kit on Tuesdays for the foreseeable future.

DT

Our DT topic is called 'Homes'. This topic involves building structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.

Book change day:

We will continue to change books twice a week. This will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please return your books on a Tuesday and a Friday so that a new one can be issued. We are continuing to read regularly with your child and are continually assessing their reading ability along with verbally telling them their next reading target.

Spelling test day:

Spellings will be issued on a Friday with homework (accessed by google classroom) and will focus on the phonic sounds that we have worked on during the week. Please ensure the children are regularly practicing these spellings at home.

The test will be conducted on the following Thursday.

Homework:

Homework will be accessed from google classroom using their logins. Please let me know if you are still having issues. Homework will be set weekly, on a Friday and will be due in by the **Wednesday of the following week**. Homework will consist of weekly spellings, a phonic activity and either a piece of English or Maths homework. Children should also be reading daily at home.

We are already looking forward to another fun filled half term!

Best wishes

Mrs C Chandler, Mrs J Inman and Mrs E Stradling.