


Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you've had a lovely break over Christmas. Here are a few notes about this term to help you understand what we are learning about and to give some extra information and useful reminders.

Our topic this half term will be *Wonderful World*. We will be looking at the seven continents and the animals that live there. We will read a selection of books including *Handa's Surprise* and *Lost and Found*. In maths we will continue to learn to count, read and write numbers to 20. We shall explore a range of calculations using addition and subtraction and we will also be counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We would like to thank you for your continued support and welcome any volunteers in school or on our educational visits throughout the year. Further details of our curriculum can be found on the school website.

Please feel free to contact us with any queries or suggestions.

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Our Learning Theme	Important Dates:
 <p>'Wonderful World'</p>	<p>08.01.24 - Captivating Creatures Visit Art Exhibition for parents (TBC) 02.02.24 - Road Safety sessions</p> <p>If anyone would like to volunteer for our school trips please feel free to contact us via email or speak to one of our friendly Year One team.</p>
Homework	PE Days
<p>Every child will change their reading book each week. Please make sure your child reads their reading book every day. Please continue to sign the reading record. We are looking for those star readers (read at least 5 times a week). Please encourage your child to use pure sounds when sounding out words e.g. 'mmm' not 'muh'.</p> <p>Please send your reading books and reading records back to school in your child's bookbag. Children will read with an adult in school three times a week.</p> <p>Phonics homework will be sent home every week on a Friday so please check bookbags. You can use the green homework books to practise. Maths LBH (Learn By Heart) and English/Topic homework will be set half termly. This will be sent out at the beginning of the term during the first week back. Please use the green homework book to record any work your child has done. If you would like your class teacher to see the work that your child has done at any point then please hand the book into the class teacher. Please return your child's book during the last week of half term so we can mark their work and give any feedback.</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> – Indoor <b>Friday</b> - outdoor Please ensure your child attends school in a full PE kit in school colours for those days including velcro trainers for outdoor PE.</p> <p><b>Reading for Pleasure</b></p> <p>Please continue to read story books to your children - even as your children learn to read themselves. Being read to and discussing stories really develops a love of reading. Recommendations for amazing books can be found at  <a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/</a>  <a href="https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/tag/2020/">https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/tag/2020/</a></p>



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Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>Text: <i>Handas Surprise</i> <i>Penguin Facts</i></p> <p>We will be focussing on developing comprehension skills.</p> <p>We will also be retelling and innovating the stories remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.</p>	<p>We will continue to explore place value with numbers to 20.</p> <p>We will be focusing on addition and subtraction with amounts to 20.</p> <p>We will also be consolidating our number bonds to 10 and beginning to look at number bonds to 20.</p>	<p>In science we are exploring animals around the world. We will identify where animals live and what they look like.</p> <p>We will be looking at the different types of animals. Mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.</p>
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing
<p>We will be looking at the UK and the weather and how people prepare for the different weathers.</p> <p>Locating parts of the UK.</p>	<p>Our theme in art will be colour mixing to create African animals. We are delighted to be working with our resident artist Sharon Snaylem this half term.</p>	<p>We will continue to learn about what algorithms are and how we can programme instructions.</p>
Oracy	Other	Year One Team
<p>We have been using oracy in our lessons through discussions, talk partners, games and songs.</p> <p>This term we will be working on trios (groups of three children with two speakers and one listener).</p> <p>Our question of the term is: <b>Is the weather the same in all of the UK?</b></p> <p>Sentence stems I think ... I believe ... I agree ... I disagree ... because ...</p>	<p>RE: We will be discussing what it means to belong to a church or mosque?</p> <p>PSHE: We will be discussing differences and learning how important it is to value differences.</p> <p>Music: We will be getting into the groove by listening to different styles of music.</p> <p>PE: In PE we are doing gymnastics and seeing how we can use our bodies to move in different ways.</p> <p>In outdoor PE we are mastering basic movements and how to send and retrieve a variety of balls.</p>	<p>Mrs Harrison - Donaldson Class Teacher</p> <p>Miss Toner - Rosen Class teacher</p> <p>Mrs Morgan - Higher Level Learning Support Assistant</p> <p>Miss King - Learning Support Assistant</p> <p>Mrs Butler - Learning Support Assistant</p> <p>Miss Lalli - 1:1 Learning Support Assistant</p> <p>Mr Feather - 1:1 Learning Support Assistant</p> <p>Miss Cross- Student Teacher</p>