

Week beginning: 21st September 2020

Curriculum Update

Year 1

This month's values: Care and Awareness

Hello all!

Firstly, I would just like to say a big thank you for all your patience in the first few of weeks of arriving and leaving school as we get used to new faces and learn new routines. It has been much appreciated and the process has now become much smoother.

Over the last few weeks, Year One have been very busy getting used to and learning new routines and their new classroom. They have all taken it in in their own stride and they are now becoming more settled knowing how things work and where things are.

Phone calls home.

Over the last two weeks I have been in contact with many of you via a phone call. I will continue to do this into the coming week too for those of you who I have yet to speak to. The purpose of these are to discuss how your child has settled in and to answer any questions you may have. It has been lovely to chat with those who I have already spoken to and I look forward to being in contact with others this coming week.

Homework

This week, I will be setting homework via spelling shed. I have set two word lists for the week. The first with a focus on the 'ai' diagraph and the second with a focus on some tricky words we are starting to use more often at this stage in the year.

We will place your child's passwords and user names for spelling shed in their reading records.

Reading books and reading at home.

On Friday, there was some confusion with when to bring reading books and reading records back to school. I can only apologise for this and to ensure that we have consistency across the school I can confirm that children in Year 1 will now bring their books back on a **Friday** so that we can quarantine them over the weekend and send them home with your children again on a **Monday**.

I hope this is now more clear and we can begin to get into a good routine on returning and sending them home again. Thank you once again for all your patience.

Week beginning: 21st September 2020

Lunchtimes in Year 1

As you may be aware, Year 1 have their lunch in the classroom and the children have settled into this routine brilliantly. At lunch times in Year 1, we will be focusing on our table manners a lot more. We will be practising to hold and use both our knife and fork, sit at our tables sensibly on our chairs correctly, with legs under the table. We will also be taking responsibility for clearing our own plates and helping to tidy our classroom after we have had our lunch. The children have already made a great start to this! Well done Year 1!

Fruit

At first, we were unsure as to whether the fruit would start again this term but we have had our first few deliveries and the children are now able to have access to the fruit from school. They are still more than welcome to bring in their own snack but please can we ensure that it is a fruit snack or a healthy snack choice.

Theme

Within our first week back, Year 1 worked together to decide on what they would like to focus on in their learning this term. As a class, they wanted to learn about the human body, how it works and how to look after it. This term, our theme is called 'Amazing Me'.

We have already made a great start to the theme by looking at different parts of the body and reading the story 'Funny Bones' as inspiration for our writing and other areas of the curriculum. Every morning the children also do 10 minutes of exercise as part of their theme for learning about how to stay fit and healthy.

Please take a look at our theme mind map in our class page area to look at what we will be doing in different areas of the curriculum.

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me is an opportunity for the children to share some special items from home. This opportunity encourages the children to develop: listening skills, questioning skills, confidence and trust amongst their peers. As a school, we know this is something that the children really value therefore we endeavour to continue to allow this to take place this year with new safety measures and precautions in place. To ensure that there is no cross contamination between home and school, only the box will come home. The child should then fill the box with their special things and return it to school with a plastic bag. After sharing their special things, the child will then put them into their plastic bag and take them straight home. The box will then be cleaned and wiped and quarantined for at least 72 hours before going home with another child. Within the classroom, the child will not be able to pass around their special items only show them to their friends. Marvellous me will start next week.