Monday 6th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Year 1 this half term we will be following a unit of work called ‘A Day in the Life of.’ This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. During this unit we will be focusing on History, Geography, Health and Well-Being and DT as well as continuing our daily English and Maths lessons.

**Our class books will be *‘The Tale of Peter Rabbit’ by Beatrix Potter, ‘Chocolate cake’ by Michael Rosen, ‘Here we are’ by Oliver Jeffers and ‘Look up’ by Nathan Byron.***

**In English, we will be learning**

**Writing:**

* To use the past tense.
* To explain events in order.
* To say sentences aloud.
* To use the exclamation mark.

**Reading:**

* To use prediction.
* To use a diagram.
* To create a fact file from what we have read.
* To infer information from a text.
* To explore the relationship between cause and effect.

**In Maths, we will be learning:**

* How to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes
* Expanding our knowledge of addition and subtraction by crossing 10
* Finding and making number bonds to 10
* Creating fact families
* Exploring place value to 20
* Identifying numbers to 20 and comparing them
* Finding one more and one less.

 **In Geography, we’ll be learning to:**

* Describe geographical features of a country.
* Justify views and opinions about the local environment.

**In History, we'll be learning to:**

* Select and record relevant information about the past.
* Order events and objects chronologically.
* Suggest reasons for change.

**In Design, Technology and Innovation we'll be learning to:**

* Explore ways of constructing parts of a design.
* Compare design and product, explaining any differences.

**In Art, we'll explore:**

* Creating our own version of ‘Sunflowers’ using mixed media inspired by Vincent Van Gogh.
* Experimenting with watercolour paint and re-creating art in the style of Georgia O’Keefe.

**In Music, we'll be learning:**

* Changing sounds and music through play and technology
* Using technology to create and change sounds
* Editing a song
* Using technology to add sound effects to a story

**In Physical Education, we'll be learning:**

* How to throw a ball in different ways
* How to catch a ball with the correct technique
* How to use the skills learnt to apply to a sport
* All the different types of balls and which technique to use for each.

**In Computing we will explore:**

* How different types of technology can help us.
* How to use a mouse correctly to click, drag and scroll.
* How to use a keyboard, shortcuts and moving a text cursor with the arrow keys.
* How to switch on and log into devices, then shutting down correctly.
* Identifying rules that keep us safe when using technology.

**PE**

The PE days will be as follows, please send your child to school on these days wearing their PE kits:

* Chaplin - Tuesday & Wednesday
* Yousafzai – Tuesday & Friday
* Scott – Thursday & Friday

**Reading**

Please continue to read with your child regularly and record this in their Reading Record. The expectation is that reading takes place at home at least 3 times per week. In Year 1, children must bring their reading into school every day. Books will be changed on Monday and Thursday.

**Homework**

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and due in on Wednesday. The expectation is that one piece of homework is completed each week.

**Phonics**

Each week your child will receive a phonics homework. Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school.

We already know the interest you take in your child’s work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bucknor Mrs Sandersfield Mr Stephenson