

Key Stage 1 curriculum letter – Autumn 2020.

A very warm welcome back to school, we hope that you have all had a chance to relax over the summer break. We understand that school will still be very different to normal and appreciate your support and patience as we adapt to returning. We will continue to make the children's learning as fun and enjoyable as possible.

This term we will be exploring the topic 'African Adventure'. The children will be learning about a variety of aspects of the African landscape and life. Please find further information about the topic in the curriculum map attached.

Reading

Throughout the start of term we will be reading individually with each of the children in order to assess the book band level they need to be on. Over the holidays they may have progressed, regressed or remained at the same level as the end of last term. Reading diaries are being sent home with information regarding the colour of books that your child is starting on. We will be offering the children the chance to change their books regularly throughout the week. In Years 1 and 2 children are expected to continue their regular reading practise at home; we ask that you **initial and date** the diary to show that you have listened to your child read. As well as listening and supporting their reading at home it is important to talk about the content of the book to check their understanding. If you require guidance on this, please contact your child's class teacher.

Phonics and Spellings

In the Autumn term (at least), the children will be learning phonics and spellings in year groups with their class teacher and teaching assistant. Within the first few weeks we will be sending home spellings which will relate to the phonics sounds they are learning in class. These will come home on **Thursdays**. The children will be learning the spellings at school but we appreciate you taking the time to practice these at home as well. A further letter will be sent home with more details on this.

Learning Log

The children will also have a home activity book called a 'Learning Log'. In the front of this book are a number of activities for your child to complete over the term. You do not have to do these in any specific order and some will need to be completed in other formats (for example, making models). Please tick/highlight an activity, and date it, once completed. Please hand this book in **every Tuesday** so we can see what your child has been doing at home. We will then send the book back home on **Thursdays** (with their spellings). A further letter will be sent home with more details on this.

Maths

To start this term we will be assessing any gaps in children's learning from their time out of school last year. We will then have a big focus on developing and securing their number knowledge. In Year 2 we will be sending home a weekly 'Minute Maths' activity every **Thursday** for the children to complete. This will need to be handed in on Tuesdays along with their Learning Log. We will give further guidance on this when we start sending it home.

P.E kit

P. E. lessons will take place weekly. To start with, we will be asking that children come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have PE. Children will need to wear shorts or jogging bottoms (depending on the weather) and t-shirts. They can still wear school jumpers, cardigans, etc and a coat on these days. **Whenever possible, we will be doing PE outside.** Girls will need long hair tied up and, if possible, should not wear earrings. **We would like children to have trainers in school every day as we will be utilising outdoor spaces and the new school running track as much as possible.**

Nightingales - Wednesday

Kingfishers - Wednesday

Swallows - Thursday

Drinks bottles

It is important for children to have access to drinking water throughout the day. Please ensure that your child has a bottle filled with fresh water for use during the day, in addition to their lunch time drink.

Concerns

If you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. We will always do our best to address any issues that may arise.

Yours sincerely,

The Key stage 1 team - Mr Austin, Miss Staniland, Mrs McDonnell, Mrs Lord, Mrs Sumner and Mrs Moore.