



Year 1 Summer Term

April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a good Easter break. This Summer term we have some lovely learning planned. Below is an overview of what your child will be covering in school.

As we are hopefully going to be looking forward to warmer weather we would like to remind you that children need a drink of water in a named bottle, a sun hat and sun cream applied before coming into school. Children may bring in their own named sun cream.

Children's Learning:

In **English** this term we will be looking traditional tales and focusing on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. After half term the focus will be Katie Morag stories and poetry. In **Maths** we will continue to follow the White Rose Maths units. This will cover multiplication and division (counting in 2s, 5s and 10s), number fractions, position and direction, place value within 100, money and time. This is something you can also work on at home with your child.

Learning Challenge Curriculum (LCC):

During the first half of term, we are focusing on a science theme based on the question 'What would Little Red Riding Hood take on a picnic to the woods?' We are learning about being healthy and the importance of a balanced diet. We will also be designing, making and evaluating our own flapjacks for a picnic. During the second half of Summer we will be doing a Geography topic based around the question 'Where does Katie Morag live and is it more exciting than Devon?' We will look at various locations and identifying various trees and plants. Please see our LCC overviews for more details on the school website.

Reading:

We would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's reading at home. The children will continue to have weekly guided reading sessions in school and will change their independent reading books on a Friday when they will select two books to keep and practise reading throughout the week. We will visit the library once a week on a Wednesday when the children will have the opportunity to select a book that they would enjoy reading and share at home.

Parent Helpers:

We would like to ask if anyone would be willing to give up some free time to listen to children read. If you are interested then please email your child's class teacher and they will contact you to arrange this.

Setting:

We are currently setting for phonics/spelling sessions across Year One so that we can really target the children's needs in this area. The children will receive daily phonics/spelling sessions for 20 minutes in their set. We have a big focus on children spelling the Year One common exception words (CEW) in their day to day writing correctly. If you would like to support your children with these please check our Year 1 website page for spelling updates.

Uniform & P.E Kit:

Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform and appropriate black school shoes. **Please can they wear their P.E kit to school on a Tuesday and Wednesday for Yew Class and a Wednesday and Friday for Silver Birch Class.**

Named water bottles:

During school hours we will continue to remind children to drink plenty of water. We encourage all children to bring a named bottle containing **water** so they can easily access water throughout the day.

Snack time: We are still unable to provide toast or milk at this current time. We have free fruit available to children for morning and afternoon snack but if they chose to bring in their own we would encourage children to bring in healthy snacks to eat.

Lunch options: As you can appreciate with free school dinners being available to all children in KS1, it can take a long time to decide what the children are having for their lunch option. Please read through the menu at home so the children have an idea of what they want and so you can check that they will like that option. Children will then be able to choose their own lunch in the morning.

Belongings: We would still like to ask that minimal belongings are brought into school to reduce the risk of transmission. Unfortunately, there is still no 'Show and Tell' until further notice and so can we please remind children no toys, games or any other unnecessary items in their bags please. We will still be sending home the class bears on a Friday to be brought back on a Monday. This is their opportunity to share something from home with the class.

Sickness: We would like to remind you that if your child is off school due to sickness, they must not return to school for 48 hours. **If your child is showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 please do not send them into school.**

Medication: The school can administer medication which needs to be left in the office with a signed form. However, if you are able to give the medication before and after school, this would help us.

We value your continued support with your children's learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher

Many Thanks

Mrs Davies, Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Kirk