



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you have had a wonderful break over the festive period! We are excited to be sharing details of what your children will be learning about this half term. I am so excited to be joining Year 1 and I am very enthusiastic about how much your child/children will be learning this term. We'll have the ready for Year 6 SATs in no time!

A huge thank you to those of you who had the opportunity to record your child's reading over the holidays. It is really helpful to us to see what your child has been accessing and it shows your child how valuable you think reading is too. Thank you and keep it up!

This may be a short half term but we have lots to pack in! Attached are RKE sheets for Science, Computing, History and RE. Please look through these with your child. The Remember section is what your child should remember based on previous work they have completed. If they are not sure, we will help them with some pre-teaching. This may include some work to do at home to ensure that they are ready to access their learning.

In Phonics, we will be working towards securing our next set of sounds and revisiting what we have previously learnt to ensure it has been retained. Please use the flashcards that you have in your book-bag to help your child to consolidate their learning.

In Writing, we are starting off by looking at the book *Here Comes Mr Postmouse*. We will have an initial short unit based on writing letters and then we will continue with this book looking at it with a different form. Within our Writing and Maths lessons, we will continue using more continuous provision to allow the children to explore their learning more independently and have more focused group teaching as well.

In Maths, we are continuing to use White Rose Maths and we will be initially looking of place value of numbers up to 20. This will look more closely at how numbers are formed, how they work together and problem solving. After this, we will be focusing on building on addition and subtraction.

In Science, we are focusing on seasonal changes and. We will be exploring what changes happen throughout the year and why.

In Art, our focus is on using charcoal to develop and share our ideas, experiences and imagination. We will develop our artistic techniques to demonstrate shape and texture.

In History, our will be based on castles. We will be looking at how buildings have been used over time and how they have developed. We will also be going on a trip to Cowdray Palace to explore its' significance. You will receive a letter with further information about this shortly.

In RE, we will be exploring the special places of worship in Islam, Sikhism and how we can make special places for ourselves and others to feel at home.

In Computing, we will be looking at digital art and video recording. During our lessons, we will be using our best voices to record voiceovers and looking into how we can alter photos.

We will have our PE sessions on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Due to the colder weather, we are planning on being in the hall for our sessions but it is always worth wearing the warmer PE as it can get chilly throughout the day. On a Wednesday, we will have dance and on a Thursday we will have fitness.

Recommended reading to support learning:

English	 
Science	
History	
RE	http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/Islam.htm http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/sikhism.html

To support your child, please help them to understand this vocabulary:

Word	Definition
Daylight	Daylight is when it is light outside. The amount of daylight changes with each season.
Season	There are four seasons each year; Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.
Mosque	This is a place of worship for Muslims.
Gurdwara	This is a place of worship for Sikhs.



Dates for your diary:

- 7th January - first aid course for families
- 3rd February - FOFs Spring Disco
- Week commencing 6th February - mental health week
- 6th February after school - Thunberg and Tree house cake sale
- 8th February at 2:30 - Open forum event
- 10th February - Non uniform day
- Week commencing 13th February - Half term
- Week commencing 20th February - Parent Consultations

Home learning each week includes:

- **Reading at least three times every week.** We have the online reading app for you to use to record reading at home, so you won't need to worry about finding a paper reading record. Please keep recording any reading you do at home on BoomReader and we will continue to do so in school.
- **Phonics** for EYFS and KS1 as well as any children receiving phonics interventions. You will be aware of the phase that your child is at based on their decodable phonics book – you will receive flash cards on a loan basis to rehearse sounds at home.
- Pre or post unit work may be issued if your child shows in their assessment that they have gaps in their knowledge. The RKE sheets that you receive show what they should remember based on previous learning. Looking at this together will help you to support them in remembering what they have learnt previously or to help them revisit it. The Knowledge section shows what the children should know by the end of the unit. The RKE sheets make what we are assessing against very clear and put you in a good position to help your children at home.

Kind regards,
The Y1 Team