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Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter 2020

Welcome to Year 1 and the Spring Term! The children have returned to school and settled in very well to their class routine. This newsletter will outline the areas, which the children will be covering during the Spring Term.

English

The children will cover many different genres of writing and texts during our literacy sessions each day. We will start this term with a focus on narrative writing where we use 'The Gruffalo' as a stimulus for writing. We then move onto Traditional Tales incorporating stories from other cultures, non-fiction, information text and poetry. The children will continue to participate in daily phonic sessions where the focus will be segmenting and blending of words real and nonsense. Children will also have a daily reading session.

Mathematics

Numeracy for the term will focus around number and place value, the focus of understanding tens and ones in relation to each other. Calculations will focus on addition, subtraction and becoming familiar with writing number sentences using the correct symbols. The use of concrete objects are available to those who require them before moving on to abstract methods. Multiplication will address arrays and division, which will include 'plates for sharing'. Measurement will address money, weight and time and fractions will focus on halves and quarters.

Creative Curriculum

We shall take inspiration from The Gruffalo to carry out our art/DT project, where we shall use different mediums including computing to explore, develop and share ideas.

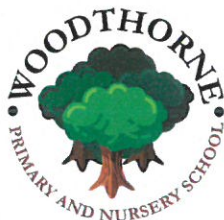
History will be examining the life of a significant individual who has contributed to national and international achievements.

In our music sessions, children will explore pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will explore different ways which sounds can be made and changed.

Science

Our science topic is 'Animals including humans'. Children will review their knowledge of the basic body parts of a human. Use their senses and associate the body parts for each sense, whilst working scientifically to understand their senses. The second half term will focus on

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animal groups, where children shall also identify carnivores, herbivores and omnivores along with comparing the structure of common animals.

RE

The focus is on pupils exploring the concept of God through Christianity. Enabling children to explore what Christians believe about God. During the second half term, the focus will be Sikhism.

PE

The children will take part in a variety of PE activities during the term. They have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, in a PE bag and that all items are clearly labelled. Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own property and this will be easier if all items are clearly named. Kit consists of: pumps, t-shirt and shorts. For health and safety reasons children should not wear any jewellery. Earrings should be removed or covered and long hair should be tied back.

Homework

Year 1 will have spellings given on Monday to learn for their tests on Friday. Children will also have their reading homework each week. Reading books are changed on Mondays and they are encouraged to read at home on a **daily basis** and widen their reading through reading books from home and the library. Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day. Number bonds are given out on Friday for a test on the following Wednesday. Homework books are given out on a Tuesday and the homework may consist of a variety of things ranging from handwriting to maths.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or require further advice on how you can support your child at home, please feel free to come and speak to us – preferably at the end of the day as mornings can be quite busy.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Perry

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