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### Term 3 and 4 Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1, we hope you were all able to have a restful Christmas and New Year. Many thanks for all your lovely cards, messages and gifts. This is obviously a very different newsletter to the one that we would normally be sending out at this time of year, but we wanted to outline the learning opportunities that your child will experience through our Houses and Homes topic while they are working in school or at home.

We hope you have all managed to join the morning meetings this week and that they are helpful in explaining what the children need to complete each day. We understand every device is different but hopefully we will learn to navigate around the Teams system over the next few weeks and become more fluent in using it efficiently! Please do not worry if you are unable to make a session. The Teams sessions are recorded and are located in the chat stream so the children can access them at a different point in the day.

A daily timetable of activities and an overall plan for the term can be found in Dropbox. This is a working document and we will let you know if there are any changes made to the termly planner. All the resources to support the children's learning will be placed in Dropbox each week however, we are trying to make them more accessible by also adding links in the Daily planner which can be found in the Teams files and in your class chat stream.

#### **English**

Each week the children will be set 5 English lessons which will follow an Oak Academy pre recorded unit. They will just need a piece of paper and a pencil most days to enable them to complete the work.

#### **Reading**

Our LSAs and some teachers will be setting up meetings to hear individual children read using Bug Club. Bug club will also be the main source of reading books at present, as we were unfortunately unable to give children additional books before we locked down.

#### **Maths**

The maths lessons will follow the White Rose Maths programme and there will be a daily video lesson for the children to watch. Click on each lesson in the timetable and it should take you straight to the lesson. Follow up worksheet links can then be found in Dropbox or in the Daily planner.

New games have also been added to Education City for the children to play. As we pay for this learning resource it would be lovely to see children using this. If you have lost your child's login please contact us.



## Additional Learning

**Science:** This term our topic is Materials. The Oak Academy have a unit on this that the children can watch and follow. There are also games that have been added on Education City to support this topic. We will also think about seasons and weather throughout the year.

**History:** We will be using the PlanBee resources on Dropbox to learn about 'Homes in the Past'.

**Geography:** We will be thinking about our local area and where our school and homes are located on a map.

**Art/DT:** We will become architects and design and make a 3D model house.

**PE:** At school, this term our outdoor PE focus is throwing, catching and aiming. Please, if you have access to an outdoor space or in a local park, could you have a go at practising these skills with different sized balls (if possible). Starting big with a football and then once confident, trying with a tennis ball.

- Standing on the side, practise throwing one handed as far as you can with your legs slightly apart and head facing forwards. See if you can beat your personal best.
- How many times can you catch the ball? Can you bounce it on the floor and catch it? Can you carefully throw it up in the air and then catch it? Can you move onto throwing it up, clap and then catch it?
- Choose an aim and see if you can get the ball into the aim.

**RE:** We will be focusing on Christianity and thinking about Jesus as a friend.

**PSHE:** We will be thinking about our dreams and goals.

**Music:** We will be following the Oak Academy units about the pulse.

## Small group sessions

We will be inviting each child to small group sessions each week, which will take place with the class teacher. We will use this time to talk to the children, play games or introduce/revisit learning from the week.

## Assignments

The children will be asked to submit one piece of English and Maths work each week which we will respond to. If you would like to share any other work, please feel free to email us with photographs as we are always happy to see them.

During Term 3 Mrs Francis and Mrs Betts will be working in school with the onsite children. Ducks children have therefore been divided into 2 groups and will either work with Swans class or Penguins class. Please send any emails to the relevant class teachers who are working online each day with your child.

If you are still having any problems getting onto Teams please contact us so that we can help. We will be contacting any children who we have not been able to engage this week on Teams to see what support we can offer. This may come up on your phone as a withheld number. Please take care of yourselves and only do what you are able to fit in around family life and work. This work is there to support you, but we realise that home circumstances will hugely vary, so please do what you can. The BBC is providing 3 hours of educational programmes on iPlayer if you need them and Joe Wicks has restarted his morning workouts for those who want to get rid of some energy!

Thank you for your continuing support,

The Year One Teachers

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