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Terms 5 and 6 – Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all have had a relaxing break. This letter will outline the work that will be covered by your child over the next two terms under the topic heading of **Nature Detectives**.

We have got lots of exciting learning planned for the Year 1 children.

In **English** we will be reading and writing non-fiction texts related to minibeasts. We will also be reading and writing information texts including recounts of observations. Our role-play area will become a garden centre and a vet surgery.

Thank you for all the reading you have been doing with your children at home – it is lovely to see the progress they are making. Please continue to fill in the home-school reading record book when you read with your child at home. We will be continuing with the children's homework booklets. Please could you ensure that your child completes this work and that their booklets are kept in their reading folders, so that they can be checked on a Friday.

In **Maths** the children will be completing units of work on:

Number: Multiplication and Division (including multiples of 2, 5 and 10)

Number: Fractions

Geometry: Position and Direction

Number: Place Value (within 100)

Measurement: Money

Measurement: Time

Education City on-line homework

This term we will be continuing using Education City to support home learning. The new activities will be available on-line from Monday 19th April until the end of term. These activities support the learning your child will be doing in school. We hope the children enjoy completing these tasks at home with you.

In **Science**, as well as doing lots of cross curricular work on animals through our minibeast topic, during Terms 5 and 6 we will be learning about plants. We will also continue to think about seasonal changes.



In **Design and Technology** our focus will be to use levers, pivots and moving mechanisms to create moving minibeasts.

In **Art and Design** we will be looking at and creating sculptures inspired by nature.

During **Computing** we will continue to learn about e-safety, programming and algorithms.

Our **Geography** focus will be seas and coasts, where we will learn about continents and oceans around the world.

In **Music** we will explore instruments and symbols.

In **PE**, we will continue to have one outdoor and one indoor session each week where we will be focusing on cardio games and minibeast dances. Please make sure your child has velcro trainers that fit comfortably and suitable clothing (a tracksuit if summer fails to arrive!)

Our topics in **Personal, Social and Health Education** will be looking at relationships with others.

In **RE** our themes will be learning about the religion of Judaism.

As the weather gets warmer please make sure your child brings a **sun hat/cap** to school and remember to apply **sun cream** before coming to school. Could we please remind you to also provide your child with a named water bottle as the classrooms do get very warm.

We hope this letter will help to give you some ideas about the subjects and topic areas your child will be learning about this term. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us by email.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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