



## High Down Infant School

Believing | Achieving | Learning for life

January 2024

### Terms 3 and 4 - Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1, we hope you were all able to have a happy Christmas and New Year. This letter will outline the learning opportunities that your child will experience over the next two terms in our Learning Expedition 'Houses and Homes'.

In **English** we will be reading and writing traditional stories and rhymes. In addition to this we will also be using information books and dictionaries to support our Learning Expedition. The children will continue to have their individual reading books to read at home and in school. Please could you remember to fill in the home-school reading record book when you read with your child at home as well as practicing reading and spelling their common exception words within reading records. We will soon be handing out the **Term 3 word books**. As before, the word book contains a series of word based activities. Each week, in school, a number of new sounds will be introduced to your child and this book aims to consolidate some of this work. Please support your child to complete this weekly activity at home. The word book should be returned to school every Friday, as a reward will be given a sticker or stamp for the completed activity. **Please only complete one activity per week**. Please visit our school website for more information on the teaching of phonics and common exception words. (This can be found in Year 1 Curriculum). We will also celebrate **World Book Day** on **Thursday 7th March** (further details to follow.)

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

- Number: Addition and Subtraction (within 20)
- Number: Place Value (within 50, including multiples of 2, 5 and 10)
- Measurement: Length and Height
- Measurement: Weight and Volume

### 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 now 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, during Term 3 and 4 we will be investigating **Materials**. We will continue to look at seasons and weather throughout the year. Please continue to talk to your child about seasonal changes.

In Art and Design sessions we will become architects and design and make a 3D model house. Each child will need a **nut free cereal box** turned inside out and taped back up (and clearly named) by **Monday 29th January**. Please save any small boxes (matchbox size) you may have as they make great furniture for our



model rooms in Term 4.

During Computing we will be learning about digital writing. This will include how to input text using a keyboard and basic word processing skills. We will also be using websites related to our learning in Maths and English to support our topic work.

Our Geography focus will be thinking about our local area. We will be taking a walk from school to look at the surrounding area and also looking at this on a map. **Ducks will be walking on the morning of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Penguins on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and Swans Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January (weather dependent).**

A separate permission letter will be sent to you about this activity.

During Term 4 we will also be learning about houses and homes around the world and we will be learning to use atlases and globes to locate places.

Our History focus in Term 4 we will be learning about houses and homes in the past.

In Term 3 PE indoors will be following Real PE. We will be focusing on seated static balance and stance. We will also be following iMoves Dance construction. Outdoor PE we will be focusing on bat and ball skills. This will progress onto striking and aiming. **On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January Ducks and Swans will have a Tennis Coach coming in to lead a session and on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January for Penguins. Please can Ducks wear PE kit on this day and the same for Penguins.** In Term 4 PE indoors we will be starting Gymnastics. We will be learning how to perform a sequence of movements with some changes in level, direction and speed using the floor and apparatus. Outdoor PE we will be continuing ball skills and exploring counter balance.

In Personal, Social and Health Education we will be continuing to enjoy our Jigsaw sessions. This term our focus will be Dreams and Goals and in Term 4 we will be learning about being healthy.

In RE we will be focusing on Christianity and we will be finding out about Jesus as a friend and Easter.

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 or your child has any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to get in touch us so that we can discuss the issue with you.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Becky Keys   Alison Francis   Catherine Peprell   Jenny Ward

