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# Curriculum letter - Owls & Parrots

Spring Term 2016

Welcome back from the Christmas break! This term, we will be covering all areas of the Key Stage 1 curriculum through exciting and engaging cross curricular activities. Our topics will be;  
Spring Term A- Chinese New Year Spring Term B- Toys

In English, children will have the opportunity to write in a variety of styles including; stories, letters, poetry, instructions and other non-fiction writing. Children will have opportunities to explore their imagination through reading and writing traditional tales, alongside some drama and role play. Children will learn to use and understand features of non-fiction texts, and develop comprehension of fiction through a variety of fantasy stories.

In Maths, we will be investigating number, shape, space and measures and handling data through a variety of activities. Children will be exploring odd and even numbers and their patterns, halving and doubling, multiplication, 2D and 3D shapes, place value and partitioning, money, exploring capacity, and collecting data to produce graphs, among other activities.

This term, we will focus on two main science investigations;  
Term A-Animals and their habitats Term B-Materials

Children will be investigating a variety of materials in a range of activities to explore their properties and uses as well as looking at different animals and where they live. They will be researching China in geography, looking at the culture, food and stories. We will look into the history of toys, including materials, design and uses.

In other areas, children will continue to practice and learn basic computer skills in computing, including coding and using the Bee Bot. They will be using a variety of printing techniques and 3D sculpture in art. During design and technology they will be sewing to make a soft toy. In PE, continuing development of skills and control will take place in a range of ball control skills in games, as well as gymnastic and dance lessons. In music, children will explore rhythm, pitch and dynamics. This term in RE, we will continue to look into Christianity celebrating Easter. We will also look at Passover and Shabbat in Judaism. During PSHE circle time, children will advance their speaking and listening skills, and learn how to care for each others needs, and the environment.

This term, we will begin to send home some homework for English and Maths. This will be sent out on a Friday, and be collected back on the following Monday. We ask for you to support your child with this work, and for it to be completed, and handed in promptly.

Reading books will continue to be sent home for you and your child to share. Please continue to listen to your child read and discuss the text every day, commenting in the yellow reading record book. Please remember that reading books will only be changed if it is evident the book has been shared at home. Bug Club is being accessed by more children now, so please log on and share these online books to enhance your child's learning.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing your child's learning and progress throughout this term.

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Yr 1 Class Teachers.

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