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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents,

Here at West Winch Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter tells you about the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through during the next few weeks.

Settling in

All of the children are settling well into life in Year 1. They are working hard and are gradually picking up the new, more structured routines. For the next few weeks the timetable will be quite flexible, but by half term they will start to notice a little more work and a little less play!

Core Subjects (English and Mathematics)

The main topics are:

English – Listening to and talking about lots of different stories; writing simple sentences; phonics – checking and working with the sounds that the children learned in Reception, then moving onto others; asking and answering questions

Mathematics – Counting; working with numbers to at least 20; addition and subtraction; measuring and comparing length; recognising 2D shapes.

Class Topics

The main class topics we will be covering this term are:

Me, Myself and I (until half term)

- Finding out about our bodies, how they work and how we change as we grow.
- Finding out about the life cycles of different animals and insects.
- Developing our understanding of each other and how our behaviour affects the way others feel about us.
- Developing our friendships, self-confidence and sense of who we are.
- Class text – Winnie-the-Pooh, by A A Milne

The Magic Toymaker (from after half term until Christmas)

- Finding out about different toys, how they work and who might play with them.
- Finding out about the favourite toys of different people around the world, both now and in the past.
- Class texts – The Old Bear books by Jane Hissey

If you think that you may be able to lend us something interesting that is related to either of our topics, please let me know!

Homework

Homework is given as an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed.

One of the most important ways to support your child in Year 1 is to read their school books regularly at home (**please record this in their reading record book**) and work on their flashcards (although not all children have these). Reading books will normally be checked and changed (where needed) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We will not hear your child read all of the books that they bring home so we always take note of your comments. Please be honest – if you think that they would benefit from reading the books again, please say so!

The children will also be given either a piece of English, maths or topic-related homework on alternate weeks. These will be stuck into in their new Homework books. After Christmas, they will be also given spellings to learn – I will send home the details nearer the time. More information about homework in Year 1 is provided on the 'homework guidance' sheet.

P.E.

P.E. for Year 1 is usually on Mondays and Tuesdays, with yoga on Thursdays. A full P.E. kit should be kept in school at all times and will be sent home regularly to be washed. Earrings can be taped down (with plasters or micropore tape) for P.E. lessons. If you wish your child to keep their earrings in for P.E., **please** send in plasters or micropore tape for them to use.

Other adults in Year 1

On Wednesday mornings the children will be taught by Mrs Harwood in order to provide my PPA time (Planning, Preparation and Assessment). Mrs Misangyi teaches the children on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons while I work as the school SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator). Mrs Harwood, Mr Newcombe and Miss Seaman are the Teaching Assistants for Dolphins class. There may be extra sessions when the class is taught by another adult.

Please help...

I would be really grateful if you could make sure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name – we have already had some disappearing cardigans, jumpers and plimsolls! I would also like to ask that you help and encourage your child to look after school reading, homework and spelling books so that they do not get spoiled or ruined.

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you have any other questions or would like to make an appointment, please ask!

Many thanks for your support!

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