

Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

21st April 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers, Welcome back!

We hope you enjoyed the Easter break, especially with the improving weather and are looking forward to the children returning this term.

Reception

Our topic this half term will be 'Once Upon a Time'. In this topic, we will be learning all about traditional fairy tales through stories such as 'Beauty and the Beast', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Sleeping Beauty'. For our non-fiction focus, we will be learning about different farm animals, many of which will feature in a number of traditional tales.

We will be building and counting to 20 and beyond, introducing concepts such as 'adding more', 'taking away' and 'first', 'now' and 'next'.

Through RE we will be learning about special places. What makes things special to us and also looking at what makes a place special to different people in different religions. We will also be learning about and understanding different relationships, focussing on making friends and getting along with one another.

Please remember to send your child's book bag every day. We will change reading books/sheets each Friday but will be reading with your child every day so having their book bag with them is very useful. **PE will be on Mondays.**

As all children wear the same uniform we have had a few times when cardigans and jumpers have been switched. Please remember to clearly label all clothing.

Year 1

This term in **English** we will be looking at two new exciting books, 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' and 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We will be continuing to develop all areas of our writing skills through poetry and retelling a narrative.

In **Maths** this term, we will begin with measurement where the children will be learning about mass and weight and comparing different objects. Following this, we will begin our multiplication and division topic where the children will be grouping and sharing using a range of different practical resources.

In **Science** we will be starting our new topic, Plants; with a scientific enquiry focus of observing over time. We will be understanding how plants grow, what they need to survive as well comparing and contrasting a range of different plants. The children will also have the opportunity to grow and look after our own plants.

This term in **Geography** we will be looking at Shanghai and what it is like to live there and compare it to our

local area. In our new **Art** topic, we will be looking at how we can use paper in different ways to create amazing 3D sculptures. For **Computing**, the children will be understanding the fundamentals of coding to plan and make a working program. In **RSHE**, the children will be learning about the different relationships they have in their lives. For **RE** this term we will be exploring the question 'What makes some places sacred?' by looking at important places within Christianity.

In **PE** this term we will be taking part in infant agility and cricket.

PE will now be on **Thursday** and **Friday** and the children should come to school in their PE kit.

Year 2

In our **Writing** this term, our writing will focus around a fantastic book, 'The Princess and the White Bear King'. The children will learn to sequence parts of the story to help them understand the correct order before retelling the narrative in their own way. We will also use this story to write different diary entries to further understand different character's feelings.

In **Maths** this term the children will be moving on to fractions. Linking with their prior knowledge of division, the children will learn how to find halves, thirds and quarters of different amounts and numbers. We will also be learning how to tell the time up to and including 5 minute intervals. Finally, children will be exploring and interpreting different types of data in statistics, and understanding different ways to present this.

Under the scientific enquiry of observing over time, in **Science** we will begin our new topic of living things and their habitats.

In **History** this term, our topic will be 'How was school different in the past: Schools through time'. We will be making comparisons between Victorian schools to what life is like in school today. Look out for a communication about an exciting 'Victorian Day'.

In **RE** this term, the children will be learning about sacred books, focusing on Christianity, whilst comparing this with other religions. In **Computing** the children will be learning to create different music using the software 2Music. In Music we will start our new topic of Myths and Legends, focusing on rhythm. In **DT**, will be learning about textiles and different sewing techniques to create pouches. In **RSHE**, the children will be learning about the different relationships they have in their lives.

PE will continue to be on Monday and Wednesday through cricket and multiskills activities. We will continue to ensure that we have daily physical activity through the daily mile, especially with the improving weather.

Donaldson class will continue their swimming block this term. Children will need to bring their swimming kit in a named bag every Monday.

Children **MUST** bring Ocean Diaries and **reading books** in to school daily as this supports them with reading and spelling practise in school. We will be putting books outside in coming days so that you can be involved in selecting and changing your child's reading book. Mrs Wotton will be on hand to help. The expectation is now that children read to an adult at home **at least 3 times per week** and the diary is signed. This will then earn Reading Star's which in turn will lead to each class earning a whole class reward. Our weekly spelling words will also be sent home this week to help your children to read and spell these key words independently.

The Infant Team