

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Year 1 Spring Curriculum Letter**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Welcome to Year 1 Spring Term 2025!**

During this term we will be learning the following curriculum areas:

**English**

**Phonics- Little Wandle** is a programme which develops reading, writing and spelling skills.

**Handwriting-** Children will recap letter formations and letter groups within English lessons to progress onto learning the first pre-cursive letters in order to prepare them for Year 2. We follow 'letter join'.

**Writing-** As a school we are following the 'Hampshire' scheme for writing. This term, Y1 will have the key focus texts 'Man on the Moon', 'Lost and Found' and 'Little Red'.

**Reading-** Children will have opportunities to read levelled books during guided reading sessions. The books will be benchmark levelled books and books following our 'Little Wandle' Phonics scheme.

**Maths-** Children will develop skills in 'Time', 'Exploring calculation strategies within 20', 'Numbers to 50' and 'Addition and subtraction within 20'. Children will also learn to read and write numbers in words and numerals as well as using various concrete resources.

**Science-** Our focus topic is 'Plants'. We will observe and describe different plants (including flowers and trees) as well the structure of the plants and how they grow.

**Computing-** Taught by Mr. Rebours. We are focusing on sequencing in coding, collecting data and using pictograms, learning about technology around us and e-safety.

**Art-** This term we will be identifying warm and cool colours and creating artwork using watercolours inspired by the work of artists Paul Klee and Ted Harrison.

**Religious Education-** This term we are focusing on Christianity in the lead up to Easter. We are learning about the importance of being a good friend and what qualities they hold as well as the Easter story.

**Emotional Health-** We are looking at different relationships and families as well as who keeps us safe in the community.

**Music-** Taught by Mrs Arnett. Topics include Timbre & rhythmic patterns, musical stories, Spring and pirates. All topics include singing and playing a variety of instruments.

**Design Technology-** We are investigating 'Freestanding Structures'. We will be planning and making our own freestanding structures using recycled materials.

**Topic** – ‘The Seaside’. We will look at beaches around Jersey and the history of them as well as comparing them to beaches in England. If you have been to a beach in Jersey or in another country, please send in a photo to share them in our Topic lessons.

**P.E.** Taught by Mr Newton. Focus areas in P.E lessons this term will be team games, kicking and balance bikes. Dance- Taught by Kamryn.

**P.E lessons will be on the following days:**

**Monday** – Dance

**Thursday and Friday** - P.E

Please ensure your child arrives to school on both P.E days in a named school kit; including yellow T-shirt, blue shorts, tracksuit and trainers.

### **Homework**

#### **Reading**

The children will bring home a levelled Guided Reading book on a Monday, please send your child in with the book on the following Monday to be changed. Please record in their Yellow Reading Record each time they read.

#### **Numbots/ TTRS**

The children have received usernames and passwords in their Yellow Reading Records, for a maths activity website/ app which they should access for 10 minutes 3x/week. Numbots (number bonds). TTRS (times tables).

#### **Right Respecting Schools**

This year children are being taught about the United Nation Convention on the Rights for the Child. This outlines all the rights all children are entitled to. Our Year 1 children have chosen rights for their own class charter.

#### **Additional information**

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle (filled with water only), their named book bag and lunch box. Please avoid large rucksacks as they take up too much space. Please also remember to name your child’s clothing. We provide fruit for breaktime.

#### **Vocabulary**

<b>Maths</b>	Half past, o’clock, half past, month, hour, minute, second, minute hand, hour hand, morning, afternoon, evening, double, equal, equivalent, pattern, repeat, unit, tens, ones, tens frame, make ten, addition, subtraction.
<b>English</b>	Astronaut, diary, sequence, adjective, noun, 1 <sup>st</sup> person, time connectives, role play, character, features, adventure, edit, improve, present tense, predict, advert, noun phrase, exclamation mark, punctuation, adverb, pronoun, innovative, tale.
<b>Science</b>	Plants, leaf, flower, stem, petal, root, seed, soil, tree, bark, branch, trunk, grow, germination, bulb, vegetable, fruit, garden.

Yours sincerely,

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