



YEAR ONE CURRICULUM LETTER 2018

Happy New Year to you all!

It is good to see the children have returned happily after the break. Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life. Please feel free to come in and discuss any concerns you may have if they arise.

This half term's topic is 'Explorers!'.

Much of our curriculum work will be taught creatively through this topic with a large focus on History and Geography, and some exciting outdoor exploring!

Our topic for the following half term, as Spring approaches, will be '**Growth and Green Fingers**'.

Forest Schools

This is a really exciting development happening in school at the moment and will be a fantastic support to our topic this half term. Following details sent out at the end of last term, we shall be working up at Tarleton Academy for a half day every Thursday. Using the outdoors as our learning environment, the children will be learning, led by a specialist, through exciting and interactive activities. I know the children will really enjoy these sessions. Details of essential warm and waterproof clothing have been provided on the letter.

Please ask if you have any questions.

Reading

Thank you for your continuing support with reading at home, it makes such a difference. We have many Y1 children in the 100 club, and now some in the 200 club! In school, the children are enjoying the independence of choosing their own books. You will have received the letter about our exciting new online reading resource 'Bug Club' and may even have had the chance to have a look at it. The children have been allocated a section with books at the appropriate level for them. These books have activities within them, look for the bug, and rewards to collect and use. More details will follow, with a meeting in school, very soon.

Homework

Thank you for your fantastic support with homework tasks. I am delighted with the response of the children and the quality of their work at home! I hope this is helping to inform you too of curriculum content in class.

Phonics

Phonics continues to be taught daily in interactive, progressive lessons. Home reading is so important to practise and develop their skills further ; books are matched to their current phonic phase. Improved high frequency word recognition, through the teaching of tricky words too, should improve reading confidence and fluency.

PE

PE will continue on Wednesday mornings. This half term we shall be doing gymnastics. We continue to benefit from support from School Sports Partnerships, actively developing this very important aspect of the curriculum.

Spanish

Spanish will be taught on Monday mornings this term. The children will really enjoy the activities Mrs Culshaw uses to teach this modern foreign language.

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