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Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2 – Year 1

Welcome Back to Year 1! We hope you find this curriculum newsletter useful, more information about our curriculum on our website. Please remember, we are here to help you! Don't hesitate to speak with us, preferably after school where possible, should you have any queries or concerns or use Class Dojo. We look forward to a successful, fun-filled and festive half term with your child.

Our Autumn Term 2 Topic:

Our curriculum will equip our children to build knowledge, skills, attitudes and values through learning about important world issues like conservation, conflict, culture and communication! This half term, we will be continuing to focus on **communication**.

Our first topic this half term is "Never Eat Shredded Wheat" which is a thematic unit based around where food comes from, with a key focus on Geography. It begins by looking at compass directions and locational language, before moving on to learning about continents and oceans. Physical and human geographical features are explored, and the UK is then examined more closely. The learning then moves on to where foods come from around the world.

Our second topic this half term will be "Medicine Woman" which is a history-based theme, with a focus on the four competencies of courage, commitment, creativity and community. It includes the subjects of PSHE, drama, English and geography. The stories of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole are both inspiring and challenging and we can't wait to share them with the children.

***Key vocabulary for our topic includes*:**

Key Vocabulary	
Significant Person	A person who did something very important or special that helped others or changed history.
United Kingdom	A country made up of four parts: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. People there speak English and have a king or queen.
Compass	A tool that shows direction, like North, South, East, and West. It helps you know which way to go.
Continents	Continents are huge areas of land on Earth. There are seven continents, and each one has many countries, people, animals, and places to explore!
Capital City	The most important city in a country where the leaders work. For example, London is the capital of the United Kingdom.
Map	A picture that shows where places are, like towns, rivers, and mountains. It helps you find your way.

Core Stories	
Emma Jaynes Aeroplane	
Little People Big Dreams- Florence Nightingale	
We are all neighbours	

Please discuss these words and their meaning with your child. The more they encounter these words, the deeper their understanding will become.

English:

This term in our English (writing and reading), we will be learning about:

- Postcards from around the world
- Poetry about Autumn time
- Fact files about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale
- Letter writing to Santa

Maths:

This term in Maths, we will be learning about:

- Addition and subtraction
- Using a part-whole model
- Fact families
- Number bonds within 10
- 2-D and 3-D shapes

Other Curriculum Areas:

- In Religious Education we will be learning about what Christmas means to Christians.
- In Physical Education we will be developing our net and wall game skills and our invasion game skills.

Support from Home:

To support your child's learning further, we would greatly appreciate you:

- Supporting them with their learning at home book and the tasks that are allowing children to reflect on their previous learning, consolidate their learning for the week and look ahead to what they will be learning next.
- Practising their spellings daily.
- Reading daily
- Numbots
- Practising number bonds to 10, doubles to double 10 and recognising numbers out of sequence to 20/30.

We can't wait to see our children aspire, grow and flourish this half-term!

Best wishes,

Mrs Marsh and Miss Pickering

