



Friday 5 January 2018

Dear Parents/carers,

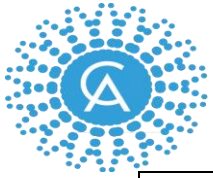
Welcome back to another school term.

We would like to inform you about our curriculum plan for the first half term. Year 1 will be learning about '**Paws, Claws and Whiskers**' as their topic focus this term.

Subject	Content
Maths	Topics we will be covering include recognising money, decimals, place value, addition and subtraction. We will also begin work on learning times tables. Year 1 will be using the Effective Maths programme to continue our learning into this term.
English	The children will be following the RWI programme. Your child will be working in a group specific to their reading and writing needs so that they are challenged and taught appropriately and able to make excellent progress. Children will also be learning a different grammar and punctuation focus each week.
PSHCE/SEAL	The topic will be Caring for Animals . The children will learn about being a good pet owner and how to treat animals with kindness and respect.
Topic: Science, Geography and Art.	The children will be learning about Paws, Claws and Whiskers as their topic focus this term. Children will learn about caring for different animals, from pets at home to those that live in a Zoo. They will also explore the environments these animals call home and the unique features of different animals.
PE	Consolidating core physical development skills. Children will be learning indoor games this term.
RE	We will be learning about Christianity and the Harvest Festival.

Homework:

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Reading	<p>All children in year one are currently learning to read using the Read, Write, Inc. programme. You can support your child at home further by reading at home with them for at least 15 minutes every day. The reading books will be changed on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Do encourage children to 'Fred talk' (sound out) words as they read. You can also encourage your child to sound out unfamiliar words in non-reading books and signs on display around us.</p> <p>Reading book changes Friday</p>



Maths	Please support your child to learn to securely count to at least 100. Please also help them to write numbers to 100 with the correct orientation. We are consolidating children's learning of place value this term and you can support your child by encouraging them to count objects and question children by asking them more than and less than questions e.g. What is 1 more than 10? etc. Your child will also have their number grid at home which you can use to support their learning.
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For health and safety reasons it is very important that your child has a PE kit in school, please ensure that your child has their named PE kit at school on the following day:

Friday

We are looking forward to a super half term ahead. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please come and speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hollows