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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

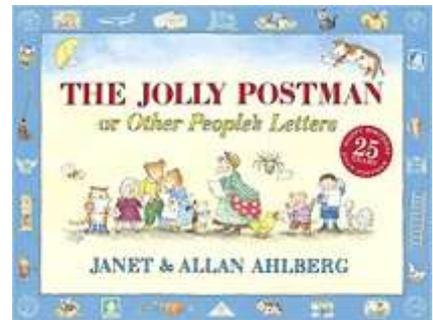
Happy new year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. This letter is to let you know about the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working on until Easter.

In **Maths** this term, our weekly focuses will include: time, *number and place value, addition and subtraction, length and height, volume and capacity.*

Each half-term we focus our learning on a different topic.

Our first topic is '**Posting and Places**'.

- In **English**, we have received an exciting parcel from the Jolly Postman, and will be learning about the features of letters as we write our own.
- In **geography**, we will learn about the different continents and oceans. We will explore atlases to identify continents and oceans, and find out more about the hottest and coldest places in the world! In **history** we will discover the adventures of the Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton!
- In **art** we are looking at Inuit art, and using this to design and make our own Inuit-style block prints!
- In **science**, our theme is 'Using Our Senses', and we will carry out experiments to discover more about how we use each sense to learn about the world around us.



Our second topic will be '**The Great Fire of London**'.

- In **English** we will be focusing on diary entries and their features, and learning how to write our own using a variety of punctuation and adjectives. We will use what we have learned through our topic to imagine we are in the Great Fire of London, and write our own diary entries about these experiences.
- In **history** we will be learning all about the events of 1066 in Pudding Lane! What happened in this event, how did it start and how did it affect people? We will also be learning about how people lived at the time, and the differences between that period of time and now.
- In **art** we will be experimenting with collaging and cutting out silhouettes, to create our own images of the Great Fire of London.
- Our **science** focus will be 'Looking at Animals'. We will identify groups of animals, and the differences between them.

Phonics

Phonics sessions continue to be taught each morning. As well as introducing and practising new sounds, children practise their blending and segmenting skills to grow confidence in reading and writing. Children also apply their growing knowledge and skills across the curriculum when writing outside of phonics sessions.

R.E

Our theme this term is '*Special Books*'. We will be learning about the special books that are important to different religions, including the Bible, Torah and Qu'ran. We will find out how these books are cared for, why they are special, and thinking about books that are special to us.

Spellings and Homework

As children get to grips with phonics, spellings are an important way to help them feel confident with different phonic and spelling rules. ***Spellings will be tested every Monday, before new spellings are sent home on Wednesday.*** As well as teaching and practicing the spelling rule, following each lunchtime children will have the chance to spend a quiet 5 minutes practising the week's spellings on their 'Look Say Cover Write Check' sheet. A copy of this sheet will also go home to enable children to practise outside of school.

To secure maths knowledge and skills, ***maths homework will also be set every Wednesday. Please can these be handed in by the following Monday.*** This will run alongside the regular reading and spellings that are set.

Our homework challenges will also continue to run. These project suggestions are a fun way for your child to engage further with our topic - your child is welcome to select the challenge that they will enjoy completing most!

Reading Books

Reading books are sent home matched to your child's reading level. Please read regularly with your child at home – regular reading hugely increases children's confidence and supports their progress. A few minutes per day makes a big difference!

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you have any queries please feel free to drop in after school and do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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