# Class 1 Summer (1) 2018



Teacher - Mrs. Maule. Supported by TA - Mrs. Lewis and Miss Clark.

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

I hope that you had a lovely Easter holiday. Please read on to find out what we will be learning about this half term and for some reminders. Please continue to check for letters, the school website, Weekly Headteacher's Blog, Facebook and Twitter to keep updated.

Mrs Maule

# Literacy



The children will continue to use the Read Write Inc (RWI) programme to learn new letter sounds which they can apply in their daily reading and writing. They will study different genres of writing and also learn new grammatical concepts.

# Reading



Year 2 children began using our new reading program Accelerated Reader last half term. This program has your child reading at his or her independent reading level. It encourages and motivates children to read books at school and home and earn points by taking computerized comprehension tests at school. You may have noticed feedback in your child's reading record about this program.

As this new program continues to be organised the Year 1 children will also be taking part.

Please feel free to come along to our Accelerated Reader Parent/Carer workshop on **Monday 23rd April at 3.30pm-4pm** approximately to find out more information.

\*Please keep your child's reading book and reading record in their book bag each day.

Please support your child at home by reading a little each night. 'Little and often' will help make reading more enjoyable for both you and your child. It is important that your child understands what they are reading so please do spend time asking them questions.

Thank you.

## Maths



Year 1 children will learn to: count in 2s, 5s and 10s (multiplication); divide by finding how many sets, find halves and quarters of shapes and amounts, estimate and measure capacities, and compare capacities by direct comparison; create a block graph; draw pictograms, how to solve simple word problems involving addition and subtraction.

Year 2 children will learn: division and multiplication, understand multiplication as the inverse of division (2x7=14, 14÷2=7) solve division/multiplication word problems, fractions: 1/3, ½,1/2, 2/4, 3/4, finding fractions of a quantity, reading scales in divisions of ones, twos, fives and tens, reading the time to the nearest 15mins/5mins, place value and solving word problems involving addition and subtraction, including giving 'change'.

# Times tables (Y2)

Year 2 children will continue to have a weekly times table test on a **Monday. Year 1 children will start** to learn times tables next half term. In the meantime you can help support your child by counting in 2's. 5's and 10's.



# \*Phonics Screening Test for Year 1 children

As previously mentioned at Parent consultations, the children will be having a Phonics test in **June**. Please continue to help your child practice reading the words and letter sounds (provided at Parent consultations) on a regular basis alongside their daily reading sessions. Thank you.

#### Homework



The children will continue to receive weekly spellings every Friday. Spelling tests will also be on a Friday.

Please spend some time reading and explaining the spelling rules to your child as this will help them gain a fuller understanding.

#### Y2 SATs homework

Y2 will be given paper homework each Monday for the next few weeks. This will be due in on the following Monday. It will be kept in a yellow folder in your child's book bag. Please continue to support your child with their homework as this is very beneficial to their learning. Thank you.

## Science



Our topic is Plants and Trees. During this topic we will about seeds - how and why plants disperse their seeds, what plants need to be healthy and investigate how different conditions affect plants.

#### Art and DT





We will explore flower and plant art through artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Van Gogh and William Morris.

#### RE



We will be learning about Islam Lifestyles and Christian Communities.

## **Sport**



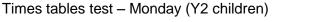
This half term Class 1 will be doing gymnastics on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child is dressed in their school sports uniform on this day. Class 1 will have PE on Thursday afternoons (not Tuesdays) with Cramlington Rockets. Please ensure your child brings their school sports uniform to change into on this day.

## **Gentle reminders**

Gymnastics – **Monday** (Willowburn)

# \*P.E. - Thursday

## Spelling test - Friday



Please ensure that your child has got both their reading book and reading record in their book bag each day.

Please ensure that your child brings a labelled water bottle to school each day.

Many thanks for all your help and support. If I can be of any further help please let me know. Mrs Maule.

# Geography



The focus of our topic will be An Island Life. This will be based on the Isle of Coll - a small island in the Inner Hebrides. We will be learning about how an island is different from the mainland, identifying the human and physical features, types of transport used and the types of jobs people might have on the island.

## Computing



We will be linking to our Geography topic - using Beebots/Ozobots to plan roots around an island. We will also use different programs to make tourist leaflets/posters.

#### Music



We will explore musical elements through our fun and exciting music scheme 'Charanga'.

Music unit: In the Groove

# **Gentle request- Home time arrangements**

I would greatly appreciate it if you could send an updated letter each half term detailing regular home time arrangements. For example, if your child has a weekly activity which they attend after school.

Having these up-to-date details will help make dismissal times at the end of the day much easier.

Thank you.