

## Class 1 Topic Letter Summer term 1 2021

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Hello Class One! I hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday and have spent some time resting together at home. I am so proud of how everyone settled back into school and made me feel very welcomed into the class. I can't wait to start another half term with our class.



In Literacy year two will be learning using the Hamilton Trust planning and resources. Our lessons this half term will focus on learning stories, retelling them then re writing them. We will be spending

time talking about the emotions of the characters and the meaning of their actions in stories and how the settings help tell their story.

Year one will be continuing to focus on their phonics using read, write inc. Within these lessons we will be looking at sounding out and blending to read words and words in sentences. We will also be looking at RWinc books tailored to their level to support the understanding of stories and story structure.

Key vocabulary: Nouns, verb, adverb, adjective, retell, role play, setting, character, emotion, exclamation mark, statement, exclamation, command, clause, subordination, coordination.

In Numeracy year one will be focusing on multiplication, division then moving onto fractions. We will be learning about 2's, 5's and 10 times tables and this will be



reflected in the weekly times tables homework. Year two will be learning about length, height and fractions. We will be measuring lengths and heights using centimetres and metres then discussing the differences and ordering them. Both year groups will look at parts making up wholes then year one will look at halves and quarters and year two will focus on unit fractions then counting in fractions.

Key vocabulary for multiplication, division and fractions: multiply, divide, fraction, equal, half, share, halves, quarters, times, groups of, product Key vocabulary for Length, height and fractions: longer, longest, taller, tallest, metre, centimetre, half, whole, quarter, unit, ruler, width, depth.



In History we will be learning about Queen Victoria and the Victorian times in history. We will learn about why Queen Victoria was significant and what she achieved in her life. We will investigate how life then and now has changed and we will spend time looking at the changes to school, toys and work. Key vocabulary: History, Historian, Queen Victorian, era/period, significant, chronological order, evidence, artifact, clue, lifetime, new/recent, memory.



In R.E we will be learning about communities in Christianity and what makes a community. We are going to be looking closely at the communities that we are part of and why these are important. We will then be looking at Hinduism and the lifestyles of hindu people including how they dress, what they eat and where they worship. Key vocabulary: Community, religion, church, Hinduism, Hindu, temple, Mandir, Puja, prayer, Vedas, scriptures.



In Science we will be learning about plants. We will be looking at wild plants and spend time observing and analysing them. We will identify and write about the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. We will also be planting and observing our own bean plants and use this to learn about what plants need to grow. Key vocabulary: plant, deciduous, evergreen, seeds, bulbs, flowering, seasons, temperature, stem, roots, petals.

In music we will use the Charanga scheme 'friendship'



and will listen to and appraise pop songs with a focus on kindness and friendship. We will be practicing a

song each week, leading up to a performance which will be recorded in the last week of this half term. **Key vocabulary:** listen, appraise, instrument, instrumental, pulse, tune, improve, improvise.

Physical Education

In P.E on Mondays we will be learning how to

play tennis including ball skills, how to correctly hold and use a racket and how to hit the ball at a target. On Fridays we will be working on our skipping skills which will improve balance and co ordination.

**Key vocabulary:** tennis, racket, aim, target, balance, court, agility, throwing, catching.



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In PSHE we will be learning about people in the community whose job it is to keep us safe. We will look at ways to keep safe in familiar and

unfamiliar environments e.g. shopping centre, park, swimming pools. We will also be learning about first aid using mini medics resources provided by St John's ambulance service.

**Key vocabulary:** community, safety, familiar, unfamiliar, stranger, first aid, ambulance.

In Art we will be learning about the life and work of the artist Matisse. We will discuss and observe his work, in particular his collage 'the snail' and we will try to recreate it ourselves.

In DT, linked with our History, we will look at puppets children used during the Victorian times. During this term we will analyse, plan and recreate our own puppets using slides and levers.

**Key vocabulary:** Matisse, artist, collage, puppet, slider, lever, analyse, evaluate, plan, create.

## Reminders

- Our PE lessons are on Monday and Friday, please send your child to school wearing their PE kits on these days
- Forest school is on Friday afternoons, please provide your child with waterproof clothing including wellies to bring to school in a separate bag on that day
- Homework will be on the school website under the 'classes' tab. We will be providing spellings, a times table focus and maths activities for the children to complete each week
- Please read with your child each day, as we are not using the paper reading records
  please send me a message on class dojo to let me know the title of the book you have
  read and the page numbers

Stay safe everyone, I look forward to another successful half term with you all.

Miss Trafford