

September 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

Lessons

Main Learning Theme

Our cross-curricular theme will be Party Planners. This is a science and design technology focussed theme. There will be opportunities to link to other subjects including music, geography and ICT. We will be aiming to end our half-term theme with a party planned and prepared by the Key Stage One children.

Numeracy

We will be working with the Numeracy framework. We will be starting Unit One and sections A, B and C

(counting, partitioning and calculating, securing number facts and understanding shape and handling data and measures). All of units will be building on the skills and learning the children developed in Year One. More details about the objectives and areas covered

can be found on the following web page:. For further information please visit the website

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primaryframework/mathematics/planning/Year1>

Literacy

This next half term we will continue to teach Literacy through implementing the "Read Write Inc." program. This will focus on developing the reading skills of the children and their writing ability. In particular, focussing on strategies for spelling and writing in greater depth.

PE

There will be PE sessions on Thursday and Friday mornings. They will require both indoor and outdoor kit and girls with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed or covered with a plaster which must be supplied from home. Please ensure your child has the proper kit with them.

Learning Skills

The whole school theme for developing learning skills will be Learning with Others. We will be working towards the following "I Can..." statements

- I can use a variety of phrases to promote cooperation in the group, "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me", "Can I", etc...
- I can ask for attention or make a request using appropriate language at an appropriate time.
- I can put objects and materials away when I finish an activity without being asked.
- I can make suggestions when working in a group about how to achieve the goal.

General Homework

This will be continuing more of a project theme and the shorter activities, usually literacy, maths or science based will still be given when there is a need to either reinforce or compliment something that has been delivered in class.

End of the day

Please feel free to use this time to talk to me about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Should you need to collect your child at other times during the school day then you will need to go to the main Office area.

All of the adults that will be working with Year 1, Mrs Sprouse, Miss Back, Mrs Brittan, Mrs Todd and myself are looking forward to a successful start to the school year.

Kind regards,

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Class Teacher

Mrs Sprouse
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Miss Back
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Mrs Brittan
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Mrs Todd
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Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher