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Building Each Other Up in Love and Learning

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a good Easter break and are well rested, ready for an action packed summer term!

Curriculum details

Attached to this letter is an overview of the subjects we will be covering in year one this term.

Workshops

African Drumming Workshop – Friday 3rd May

PE and Games

We will continue with the same PE timetable as previous terms so Bee Class Monday and Thursday and Beetle Class Monday and Fridays. Please continue to send your child dressed in their P.E kits. Please ensure that every piece of clothing is named.

Homework

Spelling, maths and reading homework will continue as normal, however if you would like to do more work with your child at home then we suggest that you practise reading and writing the year 1 common exception words. You can also keep up the work on mental addition and subtraction to and within 20.

Phonics Screening

The week commencing 10th June will be phonic screening week. During this week, your child will be assessed on their reading. This is a national assessment and is a statutory requirement.

Each child will work with their class teacher one to one in a calm and quiet environment. They will be asked to read a total of 40 words. 20 of these words will be real words and 20 will be 'alien' words or nonsense words. The reason behind the 'alien' words is to assess if your child uses their skills of phonics to decode an unfamiliar word. All words in the assessment will be phonetically decodable. These skills are taught daily in phonics and the children are already aware of 'alien' words.

Your child will need to read a certain number of words correctly to pass the assessment. The pass rate is not known to teachers and is only available after the test, however in previous years the pass mark has been 32 out of 40. If your child does not pass the assessment, they will retake at the same time the following year.

If you would like more details about the assessment then we would recommend that you look at the past assessments. These are available on line at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2014-materials>



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Here are a few useful websites that can be used at home to help your child consolidate their phonic knowledge and practise reading alien words:

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PicnicOnPluto.html>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

Below is a great website for practising how to say the sounds and use them within words. Just type in the sound you want to work on e.g. 'ai' or 'ow'.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mr+thorne+does+phonics

It's going to be a busy and fun-filled summer term in year one! If you have any queries, concerns or anything else at all to share, please contact your child's class teacher.

With very best wishes to the parents and carers of our lovely year one children.

The Year 1 team.