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Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a lovely Easter break. This letter contains an overview of what learning is taking place in the Summer Term.

Religious Education

Through our topic Resurrection, the children will learn that Easter is the most important Christian feast because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. They will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and reflect on times when their own sadness turned to joy. They will be introduced to Thomas the apostle and reflect on the importance of his story and hear the story of the Ascension of Jesus.

English

Phonics and Spelling

Spelling is such a key life skill. We are looking at the Year 1 common exception words and moving onto phase 5 phonics. Please support your child with any spelling homework they receive. The reading books your child receives support their phonics learning which is an essential part of learning to read and spell.

Writing

In English, our texts will include 'The Queen's Hat' and 'The Kiss that Missed'. Within our lessons we will be writing:

- Predictions
- Setting and character descriptions
- Story retells

Maths

Students will work with numbers within 100. Below you will find an overview of learning covered.

Multiplication and Division

- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Make equal groups
- Make arrays
- Make equal groups.

Fractions

- Making a half
- Making a quarter
- Finding a half

- Finding a quarter

Geometry (position and direction)

- Describe turns
- Describe position

Place Value (within 100)

- Counting to 100 forwards and backwards
- Introducing the 100 Square
- Partitioning numbers
- Comparing numbers
- Ordering numbers
- One more, one less

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Castles and Kings and Queens' and the curriculum map is attached to this letter. Please take a look at the curriculum map to give you an idea of what we are learning about this half term so that you can support your child at home.

History

Our historians will be learning all about 'Kings and Queens'. We will be learning all about what a monarchy is, and which Kings and Queens reigned in the past and present. We will be using our historical skills and enquiry to research monarchs.

Science

We will continue to learn and explore 'Everyday Materials'. We will be exploring and learning all about man-made and natural materials. We will be investigating which materials are most absorbent or flexible, and which materials would be more suitable to be waterproof.

Physical Education

PE is one of the most important lessons to maintain a healthy lifestyle. This term, children will be focusing on 'Athletics'. We will be practising varying speeds when running and exploring different footwork patterns as well as exploring different methods of throwing. PE is on a Tuesday. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PHSE and RSHE

This subject is incredibly important in the current climate to ensure the children's wellbeing. This term we will be learning how we are all special, how we all face challenges but must not try to give up and how we can be kind as we are part of God's creation.

Art and Design and Technology

In Design Technology this term our topic is Castles. We will look at different types and ages of castles focusing on their features and materials. The children will develop basic joining techniques for 3D modelling and learn how to make simple hinges. They will then follow the design process to design, make and evaluate a model castle using recycled materials. Please bring in some boxes to help us design and make a castle.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Briggs
Year One Teacher