



*The smallest of all seeds becomes the largest of the garden plants*

## Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1, Year 1 Mrs Casey, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Mackay

### Mathematics

For the first part of the half-term, we will continue to look at place value within 20. We will be looking at the composition of numbers 11-20 and will use number lines to think about their place value.

Later in the half term we will look at addition and subtraction within 20. We will be focussing on solving calculations using a variety of methods including using equipment and number lines. We will also be solving word problems with our new skills.

### English

In English, we will continue looking at a different book each fortnight. While looking at the text, children will have the opportunity to discuss the texts, talk about their own experiences and write some words and sentences using their phonics knowledge. The children will continue to learn how to structure sentences by using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and the conjunction 'and'. The texts that we will be reading are 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett, 'Out of the blue' by Robert Tregoney and 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies. The children will continue having a daily phonics lesson alongside reading lessons and comprehension through the Little Wandle texts.

### Useful Information

To promote a love of Reading please listen to your child read daily and talk about their book. Please add comments to their reading record to show each time they have read at home. Once your child has 15 reads in their planner, they will receive a reward and a raffle ticket to be entered into our half-termly draw to win an Amazon voucher. Your child will also receive a book matched to their phonics on a Friday which needs to be returned by the following Friday.

Please help your child to count objects, look at one more and one less, and comparing amounts up to 10. Daily practise of this will really help them in their Maths learning.

Any homework activities will be posted on Seesaw.

The children will be given new spellings to learn on a Friday and they will be tested the following Friday. Please help them to practise their spellings several times a week.

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day. They will need to always have a PE kit in school.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you.

### Science

We will continue to learn about weather in Science. We will then move on to looking at plants.

### Phonics/Spelling

We will continue with our daily Phonics lessons, where the children learn graphemes and phonemes, decoding words and identifying tricky words.

### PSHCE

In PSHCE, we will be exploring the theme 'keeping safe'. Themes will include sun safety, road safety and personal safety.

### PE

In PE, we will be exploring dance and games, looking at rhythms and working as a team.

### Religious Education

We will be thinking about 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?'

### Geography

We will be exploring the theme 'Where do I live?' We will look at our local area, think about the countries of the UK and will learn about physical Geography around us.

### History

Our topic will be 'Who lives in a castle like this?' We will be thinking about the features of castles and will learn about who lived in a castle.