



HERNE BAY INFANT SCHOOL

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Term 1

September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you back to school and to Year 1. We have an exciting term ahead! Please come along to our 'Curriculum Talk' on Tuesday 13th September to find out more about learning in Year 1. We are holding two talks; the first at 2:00pm and then later at 7:00 pm.

Connector- (Topic – how we connect different subjects)- Our Connector for this term is '**Special Powers**'. We will learn about real life heroes like fire fighters and police officers, then move on to discuss fictional super heroes like Spiderman. After discovering these heroes' qualities, we will empower the children to think of their own qualities and find out what makes them special.

Educational Visits- We have planned 3 local trips this term for Year 1, firstly we will visit Herne Bay Fire Station to find out more about real life heroes. Then, we will walk to the Memorial Park to spot signs of Autumn. To link with Harvest, we will then visit Christ Church. (See dates below) If you are able to assist and help you child's class walk to these places, please speak to your child's Class Teacher. We are so grateful for volunteers! Thank you in advance.

Harvest- You are all invited to come and watch our Year 1 Harvest Assemblies towards the end of term. (See dates below) It is a great opportunity to see the children's work and learning. We look forward to seeing you there! As a Year group, we are also taking part in The Scarecrow Trail in the Westgate Gardens, Canterbury. Please come along and support us, you can vote for your favourite scarecrow entry and the winning schools receive prizes!

Book bags- Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day, they will bring in and take home their home/school contact book; any important messages can be shared here and a record of their reading, also they will take home a colour banded reading book, a book from the class book corner and a levelled Read Write, Inc. book from their RWI group. Children will also bring home a reading wallet. The words in here should be read on sight with increasing speed, most of them cannot be sounded out. Please take time to practise reading these with your child.

English- We will continue to build on the children's sentence writing skills. They will use capital letters and full stops, use question marks for questions and write sentences dictated from the teacher. Year 1 will start to use the terms noun and verb. Our English will be focussed on our connector Special Powers and children will write about real and fictional heroes.

Maths- Our Maths lessons will be practical and hands-on as much as possible. We will build on the children's understanding of number, especially with numbers to 20. Then, they will calculate addition and subtractions with manipulatives. Year 1 work with Numicon a lot, it's a great resource!

Science- During our Challenge Curriculum, children will learn about the human body and learn through using their senses. They will investigate, make observations and explore. Throughout the year, they will make observations about changes in weather and the seasons. In the middle of the term, we will go on an autumn walk to the Memorial Park and take note of any signs of autumn.

Dates for your Diaries –

Year 1 Curriculum Talk:

13/09/16 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm

Herne Bay Fire Station visits:

19/09/16 10:00 am Monkey Class

19/09/16 11:00 am Parrot Class

20/09/16 10:00 am Zebra Class

20/09/16 11:00 am Tiger Class

Year 1 Parent Reading Morning:

22/09/16 8:40-9:00 am

KS1 Parents' Evenings:

27/09/16 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm or

29/09/16 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

30/09/16

Autumn Walk:

03/10/16 1:30 pm

Year 1 Parent Open Afternoon:

07/10/16 2:15 pm

Scarecrow Trail, Westgate Gardens

08/10/16 All day

Christ Church Harvest visit:

10/10/16 10:30 am All of Year 1

Year 1 Harvest Assemblies (parents invited):

18/10/16 9:00 am Tiger Class and Monkey Class

18/10/16 2:15 pm Zebra Class and Parrot Class

20/10/16 9:00 am Zebra Class and Parrot Class

20/10/16 2:15 pm Tiger Class and Monkey Class

Challenge Curriculum- During the afternoons, Year 1 children will learn through play, much like Year R. We will provide them with a variety of challenges to complete and they can choose where to learn. We have exciting outdoor areas for children to learn in and use our classrooms to set up fun activities.

P.E.- We have 2 sessions of P.E. each week; 1 will be led by 'TeamTheme' and the other by Class Teachers. Please take out any earrings at home on the mornings of your child's P.E. day. Unfortunately, we cannot help children to take earrings out and they are not able to take part in P.E. with them in. It is a great idea to keep your child's P.E. kit in school at all times.

P.E. days:

Monday and Tuesday- Parrot Class and Monkey Class

Tuesday and Thursday- Tiger Class and Zebra Class

How can you support learning at home?

Speaking and Listening- Talk about what to do in an emergency at home and when to call 999. Discuss heroes with your child, what makes them a 'superhero'? Which powers would you choose to have if you were a superhero?

Reading- Please read with your child as often as possible, it really does make a difference. Read and share different materials, like recipes, magazines and newspapers. Which words can they spot while you are out and about?

Take a look at our book suggestions on our website: <http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Book20list20aged20620to208.pdf>

Spelling- Soon, your child will be coming home with words to practise spelling. Most words will follow a spelling pattern and you can sound them out like 'play, say, day'. Other words can only be learnt by recognising them on sight like 'said'. Support and encourage your child to write them in and out of order. Which part of the word is the trickiest to spell? Can you find a way to remember it?

Writing- Write a thank you card to someone who has helped you recently. Maybe they are your hero? Encourage your child to use their sound knowledge and punctuate their sentences with a capital letter and full stop.

Maths- Practise writing and recognising numbers to 20. While you are out, can you spot any house numbers? Which door number comes next? Find situations to add and subtract to 20. For example, 'I have 19 grapes, you ate 5 of them, how many are left?' Count the items as you put them into your trolley or basket. 'Oops, I need 1 less, how many is that?'

Find some useful resources on our Maths page, on our school website too: <http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/maths-page/>

Science- Sing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes...' Can your child add in other body parts? Talk about the parts of the body, what do they do? While you are out and about, notice changes in the weather. What has happened to the trees? How do you know it is colder?

Connector- Design and make a superhero vehicle from recycled materials. Pretend you are a wizard or witch. With your special powers, create a spell... Will it be a disgusting spell or a pleasant spell?

Thank you for your support,

Miss Pout (Monkey Class), Mrs Amos (Monkey Class), Miss Bishopp (Seahorse Class), Miss Walker (Zebra Class) and Mrs Fowler (Tiger Class).