



# HERNE BAY INFANT SCHOOL

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

### Term 5

April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter. At Herne Bay Infant School, we are looking forward to the warmer weather and the joys of Spring and Summer. We have some more opportunities for parents to come into school this term, but if you have any questions before these dates, please speak to a member of Year 1 on the gate or at the end of the day.

**Connector- (Topic – how we connect different subjects)-** Our Connector for this term is '**Far, Far Away**'. We will take the children's interests into account and let this lead our learning. At the end of Term 4, we asked the children what they would like to learn about and they had some great ideas! Much of our curriculum will be centred on this connector including our Challenge Curriculum in the afternoon. To start our connector, the children will enjoy an **Amy Johnson Day**. We will learn about who she was and her quests as well as working closely with the local community. We would also like to invite parents and/or friends into classes to talk about countries they have lived in previously with children. If you would be willing or know someone who would, please let us know. Previously, we have had parents from Germany, Poland and China. The classes really enjoyed finding out about other countries. To finish our connector, we will host a Country Day where children will connect all of their learning from the term. We would like to invite children to dress up in the colour of a chosen country's flag or even traditional costume.

**Have lunch with your child-** Last Term was very successful and many parents enjoyed our Wednesday Roast Dinner! Parents are invited in to school this term too, to have a school dinner lunch on these dates: **26.4.17, 3.5.17, 10.5.17 and 17.5.17** One parent per class is invited each week - speak to the office for more information. Please sign up by the Tuesday before you want to come in!

**Cake Sale-** We will continue to raise money for our Castle Trip in Term 6, with a Cake Sale on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. There will be a stall outside the main school entrance/office. We will be very grateful for any donations, homemade or shop bought!

**Reading-** Please continue to read regularly at home and use the children's contact books to record their reading, this way we know when they have read and can take any messages from you at home. We hope you are enjoying some of our new reading books. The children have responded really well to them and are keen to look after them! Each week, children will bring home a book from the class book corner and a levelled Read Write, Inc. book from their RWI group. They should be able to read this RWI book independently as they would have read it 3 times in their group previously. This is an opportunity to practise reading fluently with expression.

**English-** This term, our English will be centred on our connector: '**Far, Far Away**'. We will continue to show children that English is everywhere; not just confined to a lesson and so our English skills will be applied to other areas of the curriculum including Geography, History, ICT, Art, Science, Music, R.E and even Maths! Handwriting and Spelling will continue to be a focus. Please support your child by practising both at home. The children have suggested a new spelling activity; maths spelling. e.g. m+a+th+s=maths. So this will be a new activity for Term 5.

**Maths-** Children will extend their counting to and back from 100. We will make links within children's learning in maths and to other subject areas too. For example, when children learn about Amy Johnson and her solo flights, they will fly paper aeroplanes and measure the distance travelled in cm and m. We will consolidate the children's adding and subtracting using a number line to hop forwards for adding and backwards for subtracting. Children will continue to learn in a practical and physical way and so to

#### **Dates for your Diaries –**

**Term 5 Starts:**  
**(Trip to the beach 1pm)**  
18/04/17 Year 1 Amy Johnson Starter

**Fire Safety Talk:**  
24/04/17

**Year 1 Reading Open Afternoon:**  
**(Parents invited)**  
27/04/17 2:30pm

**Cake Sale:**  
**(Donations gratefully received!)**  
04/05/17 3pm Outside the school office

**Dazzle Days:**  
**(Year 1 parents invited Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm)**  
17-19/05/17 Countries

**Year 1 Fabulous Finisher:**  
**(Dress up Day)**  
25/05/17 Country Day

**Term 5 Ends:**  
26/05/17 3:10pm

master quarter and half turns, they will apply this to their movements in P.E.

**Science-** For Term 5, we will be focussing on plants. The children will identify different types of plant, including trees. We will learn about the plants in our local area; in our school grounds, in the Junior School Pond, at the beach, etc. If you can support with walking on our trip to the beach, please let your child's class teacher know. Thank you in advance.

**P.E.-** This term the children will be improving their skills in Cricket. 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

Monday and \***Thursday**-Monkey Class (\*Please note the change of day)

Tuesday and Thursday- Tiger Class and Zebra Class

## **How can you support learning at home?**

**Speaking and Listening** – Discuss what your child already knows about our Far, Far Away topic? For example, traditional tales, different countries, flags or even places you have visited on holidays. What would they like to learn during this topic?

**Reading-** Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally daily, it really does make a difference. It would be great to see and hear about your child sharing some tales set in other cultures or countries.

You will find copies of practise for The Phonics Screening in your child's book bag and on our website:

<http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/phonics/> Please take time to read through these words with your child.

**Spelling-** Spellings will continue to be emailed each week and they can be found on our school website too:

<http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/spelling/>

Please practise these at home and allow opportunities for your child to apply them in their writing and reading.

**Writing-** Create a seed diary! Plant a seed and watch it grow. Note down and sketch the changes that take place. How much has it grown? Where will it grow best? Why?

**Maths-** How can you use maths to support your child's artistic side? Can you create an artistic piece using a maths skill? Perhaps you could involve doubling, a repeated pattern or even shapes?

**Computing and ICT-** Recently, we enjoyed a workshop on e-safety. We learnt about the use of passwords, sharing information and what to do if...Ask your child what did they learn about in the e-safety workshop? Recap on your rules for using the internet at home.

**Science-** Plant a seed with your child. Use the seed diary to record their observations. What does a seed need to grow and thrive?

Thank you for your support,

Miss Pout, Mrs Amos, Miss Bishopp, Miss Walker and Miss Reed.