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Tiger Class – Learning Overview for Parents – Summer 1 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed lots of family time hunting eggs and getting outside in the fresh air. We look forward to sharing some of the highlights with the children across our first week back.

'Once Upon a Time' will be the topic that supports the children's learning across the first part of the summer term. The children will start off the topic with a scavenger hunt around the school grounds where they will find lots of clues to their new topic. They will then be able to share ideas on what they think their new topic is. Following on from this activity the children will begin exploring a range of traditional tales across the coming weeks with lots of exciting activities planned around a different tale each week.

Weekly information

Mrs Hancock will continue to teach in the Tiger class and will be assisted by Miss Ellis. We will also be joined by Mrs Kent who will be completing her final study placement with us during this term. Mrs Kent is a School Direct student currently based at Bengeworth Academy.

If you have any concerns, questions or queries that you would like to discuss then please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Hancock through email or a telephone appointment. You will appreciate it is still very difficult at the end of the day to hold discussions as our collection point tends to form a blockage for the rest of the school exiting if we are not quick in releasing the children.

Forest School

Forest School will continue to be on a Friday afternoon and is led by Miss Ellis, supported by Mrs Crompton. Although the weather is beginning to get milder the children will continue to need layers of clothing to compensate the colder days. A long-sleeved top and trousers must be worn to protect the children from stings and scratches, so on warmer days having something lightweight is much more comfortable. Sun hats may also be needed. Waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat are essential as this allows us to get really messy! We do like to experience all weathers so they must be prepared! Please make sure that their wellies come to school in a separate named bag.

PE

The sports coach will continue to teach PE however Tiger class will now be on a Monday morning. Please could your child have their PE kit in school at all times including a pair of socks to replace tights.





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Reading Books

Year 1 will continue to read daily during our RWI sessions and their group books get changed every three days. This allows the children to grow in confidence and fluency with the texts.

Home reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday if your child has been reading them at home. It is important that either a comment is left by an adult at home or just a simple signature to acknowledge the book has been shared. The children need to read a book several times to build up their understanding and fluency and so we do not want to change books too quickly as this will not support reading progression for your child.

Reception children will continue to bring home books dependent upon their level and we also encourage adults to read other books to the children to promote discussion and imagination. The children are beginning to segment and blend back their sounds well and any daily support you can provide at home is beneficial for them.

Please could you make sure that your child has their reading book in their Book Bag every day as we are planning daily home reading sessions this half term. We had several children without their books on a regular basis which impacted on their ability to join in fully with the shared reading sessions. The year 1 children really enjoy and benefit from reading their books to the reception children and then listening to the reception read theirs back.

We really appreciate your support at home and it really does make a difference to your child's confidence with their reading.

Homework

Year One children will continue to have a 'Pick and Mix' style homework which will support the learning taking place in the classroom. The children enjoy sharing their homework in the class towards the end of each week and they enjoy the praise offered from their friends. We really appreciate the support provided with this. Children should also be encouraged to read daily at home and talk about what they have read with an adult to support their developing literacy skills.

Reception children will be provided with the next bookmark with 'tricky red words' printed on them. These can be used to support your child to read words that they need to frequently use when they are reading and writing. The words will be changed to suit your child's learning and there is no time limit to a set, once your child is confident to read them, spot them in a sentence and write them we will then move onto the next set.

We value your continuing support with your children's learning. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us for the opportunity to discuss these further with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hancock & Miss Ellis

