

Aycliffe Village Primary School

Year 1

Mr Underwood

Spring Curriculum Newsletter 2018



I hope you had a lovely Christmas and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

What we are learning this term?



Phonics Phase 4

We will revise and recall all Phase 2 and 3 phonemes before moving onto Phase 4 phonemes (copies of these will be put on our school website) We will move on to read and write CCVC and CVCC words, eg flag, pram, camp, song.

We will also practise reading and spelling previously taught high frequency words and move on to read and spell two-syllable words. The children will learn to spell the tricky words: *we, me, he, be, she, they, all, are, my, her* and read tricky words: *said, so, was, you, have, like, some, come, were, there, little, one, do, when, out*. They will also be taught to read the decodable words: *went, from, it's, just, help, children*.

Topic

Our History topic for the first half of this term is *Houses and Homes*. We will be looking at different buildings that people have lived in through history and how they have changed over time. We will be looking at different buildings in Aycliffe Village itself and thinking about when they were built. This will link with the Geography topic, *Human and physical features of small area of UK*. We will then use Julia Donaldson's book 'The Snail and the Whale' as a focus for comparing hot and cold climates.



Science

Initially, this term, we will be looking at Seasonal Changes that occur in winter and compare these to what happened in Autumn. We will then move on to our topic: Animals including humans; learning the names of different carnivores, omnivores and herbivores and will look at humans and their senses.



PE

PE sessions are on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. This term Year 1 children will be taking part in gymnastics and ball games activities. Please ensure your child has a full, named PE kit in school (shirt, shorts, PE shoes) *For safety reasons, long hair should be tied back please.*

Art /DT

Year 1 children will be creating Art work linked to the topics we are covering. In addition to this we will be using recycled materials to create sculptures.



RE/PSHCE/French



Mrs Byrne will be teaching RE on a Tuesday morning in addition to French and music lessons. We have regular circle time activities in class at other times during the week.

ICT/Computing

We will be using the iPads to access simple coding apps where pupils will input and debug algorithms.



You can support your child's learning in the following ways:

- Listen to them read regularly and ask questions about what they read. Help them sound out words and begin to blend sounds e.g. for the word spot sound out p-o-t say pot and add the s s-pot, spot.*
- Please ensure reading books and reading records are in bags every day.*
- Practise any maths activities sent home in the learn by heart books. I will continue these until half term. After half term I will introduce a Homework book with activities based on the week's work. I will send more information about this in February.*

Many thanks for your support

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Class Teacher

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