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WHERE LEARNING HAS NO LIMITS

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the Autumn Term. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break in readiness for a busy term ahead.

This year in Year 1 we are teaching subjects using an umbrella topic. The topic this term will be animals and Humans. We will be incorporating all subjects within this topic.

We will be learning about our bodies, healthy eating, pets and how to look after them, classification of animals, seasonal changes and what this means for animals in our local environment, habitats of different animals (including our local environment, minibeast, different countries e.g. Africa, and Australia, jungle, ocean, desert, cold etc), life cycles and dinosaurs.

Our RE focus will be looking at what it means to belong to a group, community or religion. We also will explore festivals of different cultures and religions such as Harvest, Hanukkah, Diwali and Christmas.

The children will learn how to use maps to find where animals live.

We will be looking at Children in Art and self portraits before creating our own.

Our DT lesson will link to link with healthy eating and we will be exploring different types of foods and encompass cooking into this. We will also be looking at how bread is made.

In computing sessions we will be sorting using different criteria and learning the basics of coding and algorithms.

Weekly letters will continue to inform you about English and Maths objectives as well as general information.

HOMEWORK

Children in Year 1 will bring home a reading book and a 'Word and Sound' book which will have a list of real and nonsense words containing a particular sound, usually sounds that we have identified the children need more practise with or the focus sounds for that week. After the Christmas holiday, children will be given a piece of Maths or English homework each week. After February half term, children will be given two pieces of homework on a weekly basis.

From time to time, the children may also bring home a simple activity relating to topic work. They may have a topic-related activity on occasion. These are not compulsory, but are intended to stimulate their interest and widen the scope of their learning.

BAGS

All books and homework should be carried to and from school in clearly named book bags. Please ensure that all new book bags are named. We would be grateful if you would discourage your child from bringing multiple key rings on book bags. These take up a great deal of space and can make it awkward for the children to put their book bags in their chair pockets. Lunchboxes should be clearly named.





PE bags should be open-top 'shopper style' for easy access. Drawstring bags are difficult for children to use effectively. Please ask Miss Clements if you are unsure.

PE

PE will take place on the following days:

Year 1: Monday and Tuesday. Outdoor PE kit should consist of a tracksuit top and bottoms and in addition to black plimsolls, shorts, T-shirts and white socks.

Children will need PE kits on these days. We no longer have a stock of spare T-shirts and shorts and so children without appropriate clothing will be unable to take part in the lessons. We would be grateful if you would check that all items of clothing, including new sweatshirts, fleeces, shoes and plimsolls are clearly named.

Children with pierced ears should either remove their earrings on PE days or bring surgical tape or plasters to school to cover them.

MORNING BREAK

All children are provided with a piece of fruit during morning play. If you would your child to continue having milk at snack time, please ensure you have signed up for Coolmilk. If you would like your child to have a snack during the afternoon, please provide a healthy snack of dried fruit, pieces of fruit or raw vegetables (no nuts). This should be in a ziploc bag. We are a school that understands the importance of hydration so please ensure your child/children have a clear, named water bottle refilled every day at home for use in the classroom.

VISITS

I will let you know of any trips that I arrange during the year. I am hoping that we will be able to visit JC farm at some point this term. This should not incur a cost.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Year 1 will visit the Arboretum at Forest Schools over the coming term. Parental help is always welcomed as is hot chocolate making and delivering (all equipment supplied!). If you are interested, please speak to the Year 2 teacher, Miss Anstis.

CLUBS

Information about clubs is on our website. Clubs are starting this week. If you would like your child to attend a club you must sign them up ASAP.

PARENT HELP

A number of parents have already come forward to offer help in the classroom. To be able to help in school it is necessary for parents to have a DBS check. Forms are available from the office. Please do complete the form below if you would like to help in school.

We are aware that some parents would like to help, but are not able to make a weekly commitment. Assistance on an occasional basis is always valuable; you may have a particular interest or skill that you would like to share with the children. We greatly appreciate this support and welcome further offers.

If you have any questions, and you cannot find the relevant information on our website, please make an appointment with Mrs Boyle in the office to arrange a time to speak to me after school.

Yours sincerely



J CLEMENTS

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Name of child:

Class:

I hold a valid DBS for Little Kingshill School.

I would like to help in my child's class on a regular/occasional basis. (Delete as appropriate)

I am available on

Signed:

Date:

PARENT/GUARDIAN