



Parent Information Letter - Terms 1 and 2 Turtle Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year One and Turtle class!

It has been so lovely to see you all again and hear about what you have been up to over the holidays.

Christian Values: Term 1- Perseverance

Term 2- Thankfulness

British Values: Term 1- Democracy

Term 2- Tolerance

Here are some reminders about what is needed in school each day:

Monday	Blue Book Bag in School Reading book in school and RED TED Book
Tuesday	Blue Book Bag in School Reading book in school and RED TED Book PE Day - Children to wear PE kit all day. Reading Books are changed on this day.
Wednesday	Blue Book Bag in School Reading book in school and RED TED Book
Thursday	Blue Book Bag in School Reading book in school and RED TED Book
Friday	Blue Book Bag in School Reading book in school and RED TED Book Reading Books are changed on this day.

Reading Books

Reading books will continue to be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday this year and all the children will still be coming home with 2 story books that can be read by an adult and a book/story that they will be able to read themselves. All the children will have different books depending on the level they are working at.

It is very important that the children bring their reading books into school every day as we also listen to every child read in school every day and record this in their red ted books. It is important that the children return their books; last year we lost a lot of books as they were not returned.

Fruit and Milk

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 all receive free fruit in school every day. The fruit that we have to offer the children changes through the term and varies between pears, apples, bananas, satsumas and carrots. You are more than welcome to send your child in with a piece of fruit every day if you wish. Please note only fruit is allowed for snack time. As we are now in Year One the children will be having a morning playtime on the big playground and this is where they will also eat their morning snack.

PE

PE in Turtle Class is on a Tuesday for Terms 1 and 2. All children are expected to come into school wearing their PE kit. PE kit is a school PE t shirt and either school PE shorts or a school track suit if it is cold. Children are to wear their school jumper or cardigan if they wear their shorts. Please note that plimsolls or trainers should only be worn on this day. During Term One the children will be learning about Fitness and in Term Two they will be learning about Dance.

Read, Write Inc

The children will all be working in their own groups matched to their level of learning and understanding. This means that your child may be working in a different group to other children within the class. Read, Write Inc will begin again during the week beginning 8th September.

Power of Reading

In our daily Power of Reading lessons, we will be focusing on a range of different stories. In Terms 1 and 2 we will be exploring a traditional tale and 'Oh No, George!', 'Owl Babies' and 'The Gruffalo'. We will also be having daily handwriting lessons to help the children develop their letter formation.

Maths

Maths will be taught daily, which will include 15 minute sessions on mastering number. We will begin the year concentrating on numbers to 10: this will involve sorting, counting and representing objects, as well as counting 1 more and 1 less and comparing numbers. The children will also be adding and subtracting numbers, and finding number bonds within 10. Lastly, we will learn to recognise and name 2-D and 3-D shapes and think about how they can be sorted.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about materials. This will focus on the fact that there are many types of materials and they each have their own properties. We will also begin our learning about seasonal change and the changes that occur across the seasons.

RE

RE in Term 1 will be based around the question 'What do Christians believe that God is like?'. During Term 2 we will move on to think about 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

Geography and History

In Geography our learning will focus on the local area with the key question 'What is it like here?' The children will be exploring Google Earth and discovering where we are in the world. We will be looking at what a map is and how to use one, before having a go at creating their own map. We will also be thinking about the features of Folkestone. In History, we will be using the question 'How am I making history?' to compare the present, the past and possible changes in the future.

Computing

Computing in Terms 1 and 2 will concentrate on improving our mouse skills. We will also be learning about 'Self-image and identity' and 'Online relationships' within our online safety lessons.

Art and DT

During Art, we will be exploring mark-making and line; working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces. During DT lessons we will be designing and making puppets. We will learn to join fabrics together, design a puppet, use a template and decorate a puppet to match our design.

Music

In Music, we will be exploring vocal and body sounds in Term 1 using a theme of 'By the sea'. In Term 2, our focus will move to classical music, dynamics and tempo with a theme of 'Animals'.

PSHE

In PSHE, Jigsaw Jack will be teaching us about 'Being Me' in Term 1. This will involve thinking about belonging to our class and the rights and responsibilities that we have. In Term 2, we will learn about 'Celebrating Difference' and the fact that everyone has similarities and differences. Within these lessons we will focus on bullying and friendships.

Please keep an eye out every Friday for our class blog: it will contain pictures of the children's work and any exciting extra activities that they have taken part in.

If you have any questions please come and talk to me on the playground at the end of the day or email hannah.hebdon@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk

Mrs Hebdon and Mrs Lord