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Year 1 Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term. We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and that your child is ready to start their final term in Year 1.

Our topics this term are; 'Explorers' in History, where we'll be looking at what an 'explorer' is, how they've changed the world, Christopher Columbus, Matthew Henson and how exploration has changed throughout time. In Geography we're looking at 'what it's like to live in Shanghai', where we'll be comparing China to the UK through physical and human features, maps, sign and symbols and compass points. Wherever possible, our English and Maths lessons will be incorporated into our topic and we will be using computing to support our learning across the curriculum. We always try to use different methods of learning to accommodate all learning styles.

Here are a few reminders to help you at the start of the new term:

- Our school day is 8.30am - 3:15 pm. Please ensure they're here on time as we fit 30 minutes of literacy or maths in before assembly each day.
- We will be doing P.E. every Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has the correct, labelled P.E. kit and is in school for the whole week ready. They do not need to take their kit home after each session. I will remind them at the end of each half term.
- Please make sure that all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled as we are certainly hoping for warmer weather and the opportunity to take jumpers and cardigans off. Of course, it is practically impossible if these aren't labelled, or their name has washed off from the previous week.
- Homework- Spellings must be learnt each week and are given out every Monday ready for their test each Friday. These are given using their phonic sounds to help them learn. Reading, for just 5-10 minutes each day consolidates their phonics, spelling and writing. We are asking for at least 4 home reads each week. These have been steadily growing this year, so thank you. I also upload spelling homework on purple mash and Serial Reading books for online reading, which counts as extra reads too. Please help them count in 2's, 5's and 10's and add and subtract from 0 - 50.
- Please help them write sentences, using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We are also looking for joining words like 'and, but, so, because, when' to help add detail and interest to the reader now.

I am always happy to speak to any parent after school if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
Ms J Cilia

