



Key Stage 1 Spring Term Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new year at Chudleigh Primary School. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and that Santa was kind to everyone! Everyone in the Key Stage 1 team had a fantastic holiday and are looking forward to a busy, hard-working Spring Term.

Our new school curriculum – Enquiries

Key Stage 1 we will be continuing with our new enquiry-based curriculum. We are going to kick-start 2019 with our recurring enquiry – **How does Chudleigh change in the seasons?** This will look at the season of Winter and the differences there are around us from the Autumn season. It will be a short enquiry covering science and art.

Our first main enquiry is **How are schools the same?** This is a geography themed enquiry looking at the physical and human geography of our locality in comparison to that of Nyamba in Uganda. The children will be learning about the physical features of both areas e.g. hill, forest, mountain, beach, cliff and key human features like town, farm, house, office, port, harbour. They will use maps and globes to identify the countries in the UK and the British Isles. They will also identify the continents and oceans of the world. They will then use the skills and knowledge learnt to make comparisons between locations.

Help needed! We would be very grateful if any parents who have connections with schools in other countries could come and talk to us.

Later on in the term our enquiries will be **How do the Chinese celebrate New Year?** **How will we get around in the future?** and **How do plants grow?**

PE

We will continue to have PE teachers from South Dartmoor Community College (as part of the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership) working with us on a Wednesday afternoon. Ms Einzig's class and Miss Jenks' class will do indoor PE on Wednesday and outdoor PE on Monday. Mrs McGibben/Mrs Walters' class, Mrs Heilbrunn's class and Miss Gill's class will do outdoor PE on Wednesday and indoor PE on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday respectively. Please can you ensure that all kit is named and that your child has their full kit in school all week, every week, just in case there are any last minute changes. Please make sure the P.E. kit includes trainers for the outdoor P.E. session and tracksuit trousers or leggings and a hoodie now the weather is colder.

Think and Link Books

Homework will be stuck into your child's 'Think and Link' book on a Friday. However, the weekly key stage 1 newsletter will be emailed out on **Fridays** via School Comms. These need to be read in conjunction with each other. Homework will predominantly, either be a phonics task linked to work done in our phonics sessions or will have a maths focus, consolidating work we have carried out in maths lessons. Wherever possible, we will provide examples of what is expected regarding homework tasks and we will explain the tasks to the children. However, please don't hesitate to come and talk to one of us if you are unsure about

something or encourage your child to come and ask for clarification. If your child can bring their book in on a **Wednesday** it gives us sufficient time to mark it.

An updated spelling sheet will be stuck in your child's 'Think and Link' book. These are the words the children will be focussing on learning independently in phonics sessions. However, please feel free to help your child learn those that **are not highlighted** at home. If there is not a highlighted sheet, please focus on learning the common exception words as these are the words they will be tested on at the end of this half term.

Year 2 children will also have copies of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. The children are expected to know these by the end of Year 2 and again, working on these at home with your children will be greatly beneficial towards their learning in school. There are lots of fun games online and many card games. Please ask for ideas.

Reading Books

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book, along with their blue reading record book. Please read with your child **regularly** (ideally at least 5 times a week but we do appreciate this isn't always possible) and fill in the Reading Record each time you read with them. This is a valuable link between home and school and we really do appreciate your support in this area.

Need a word?

We are always happy to discuss any matters with you and if it is a quick message, by all means catch us in the mornings or afternoons outside the classroom. However, if you feel you might need more than a minute or two, please feel free to make an appointment to see us at a mutually convenient time.

If your child needs to change their reading book, they should put their book bag into the book box at the start of and we will endeavour to change it ready for the end of the day.

Healthy Snacks and Drinks

Free Key Stage 1 fruit/veg will continue to be available at school every day during the morning playtime. However, we would like to remind you that if you send a snack in with your child, in line with school policy, playtime snacks are to be fruit or vegetables on Mondays to Thursdays with a free choice on Fridays.

We actively encourage named water bottles to be brought into class everyday and children can drink from them at appropriate times during the school day. Again, in line with school policy, we ask that you only send in water, not juice or squash.

Classroom help

If you are able to come in to help in the class at any time, we would be delighted to see you. We always really appreciate offers of help with reading and with groups, especially if we have practical activities planned. If you would like to support us in the classroom we would be most grateful. Just pop into the office and ask for details of the necessary DBS checks and see anyone in the team to let us know what you can do.

Thank-you in anticipation of your support and cooperation this term. We are all looking forward to working with you and your children.

Yours sincerely,
The Key Stage 1 Team