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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 1, Term 4 2019 Curriculum Letter

We hope that you had a lovely half term break. Here are a couple of notices for the coming term. Our topic for this term is 'Fairytales'.

Daily Routine

Your child's teacher will continue to come and greet you outside just before 8:40. To support the children to settle in and to increase their independence, we expect the children to line up outside and to come into school by themselves carrying all their things. Thank you for your support with the morning routine, which is working well.

Reading Books

We are continuing to send home phonetically decodable books on Wednesdays. Reading records are collected on a Wednesday to allow the teachers to look at your amazing home learning and reading. The book your child chooses may be a title they have read before but we want to reiterate that a book is appropriate if it builds on a child's fluency and comprehension skills. To allow your child to delve deeper into books by discussing the features, characters and content, your child should be able to read without overly sounding out to ensure reading does not become very strenuous. We are aware that relying on sounding out decreases children's enjoyment and engagement in books and makes it difficult to remember and comprehend what they have read. Encourage your children to read the words they are familiar with in their heads (gradually become quicker or more fluent each time) and encourage them to discuss what they have understood. Please also continue to practise with the phonics cards we have sent home. When your child is reading an unfamiliar word, we are encouraging the children to look at the whole word and then spot the digraphs/trigraphs and then read using their phonic skills.

Before your child can take a new book home, they must return the book they have been reading. We encourage the children to access the reading books (outside Class 5) in addition to their phonic decodable books. Please continue taking books home from the classrooms' book corners and school library. There are various e-books and e-journals on the Didcot Library Website that you can access (if you have a library card) at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/>. Click on libraries then e-books and e-audio. You can also access the Oxford Owl website: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home> and click on the tab 'eBooks' where there are plenty of e-books too

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This year we are making termly suggestions for a reading that would be good to share with your child.

This term's recommendations are:

The Little Pigs

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Little Red Riding Hood

Curriculum

We will be continuing with our more structured mornings, ensuring that there is a clear daily focus on phonics, reading, writing and maths. The children will still have 'Exploring Time' in the afternoons, during which they can apply their new knowledge learnt from the morning sessions. In the afternoons, there will be a short session to explore other areas of the curriculum such as art, science, computing, RE and PSHE. Please be assured that we will monitor this provision closely and will continue to be flexible to the needs of the children.

Subject	Coverage
Maths	Subtraction within 20, numbers up to 100
Literacy	Fairytales
Science	Plants and Growing, Science Week
RE	Important People in Religions
PSHE	Naming Feelings
Geography	Looking at the Four Countries of the UK

Reading Record

Please ensure this book is in your child's book bag every day, they will be collected on Wednesdays. It is important that we keep you up to date on the guided reading we do with your child.

Homework

Will be given out to the children on Fridays and returned to school on Wednesdays. If homework is handed in late it will not be looked at until the following week.

PE

Our PE day this term will be on a Tuesday morning. All PE kit must be named. Earrings must be covered and hair must be tied back. Please keep PE kits in school everyday in case of timetable changes or wet weather.



Geography Day

Friday 29th March- Local Walk
Helpers needed please!



Library Visits

Class 4 Friday 8th March Class 5 Thursday 7th March

We are leaving school at 9am. If anyone is able to help, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 1 Team

