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Autumn Termly Learning Letter - Team 1/2

Dear Everyone,

Welcome back to another new school year. We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday- the weather was certainly kind to us. The children have returned to school enthusiastically and ready to learn. This letter will outline some of the exciting things we have planned for this term and will also give you some useful information.

This term we will be learning about:

	Year 1	Year 2
English	NC content (including grammar, punctuation and spelling) to be covered through a range of writing genres. Author study of Julia Donaldson to inspire stories and poetry. Labels and Captions. Handwriting - letter formation and flicks.	NC content (including grammar, punctuation and spelling) to be covered through a range of writing genres. Stories with familiar settings. Stories from other cultures. Poetry. Non-fiction booklet about Mexico. Handwriting- consolidating formation and joining.
Maths	NC coverage of units related to number, operations, fractions, measures and geometry.	NC coverage of units related to number, operations, fractions, measures, geometry and statistics.
Science	Weather associated with changes of seasons. Identify, name, draw and label the basic body parts of a human and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Name and sort animals in a variety of ways.	Comparing and investigating different materials and how they change. Investigating how to make the strongest bridge.
Geography	Seasonal/daily weather patterns in UK. Simple fieldwork and observation to the local wood.	Name and locate the world's continents and oceans. Compare our local area with a village in Mexico; identifying differences and similarities between weather, human and physical features etc.
Computing	What is technology? Introduce Chrome books. E-Safety.	Google Maps- locate continents, oceans and Mexico. Use Google classroom e to create a slideshow about Mexico. E- Safety.
History		Remembrance Day- Key event Guy Fawkes- Key historical figures
Music	Sing with an awareness of pulse and melody. Performance - Harvest/class assembly/Christmas	Sing with pulse and rhythm. Sing expressively.
Art and Design	Colour mixing - using primary colours to make secondary colours.	Famous Mexican artist - Frida Kahol Self-portraits using different medium. Creating a thumb pot or story teller using clay.
Design & Technology	Plan, create and evaluate dinosaur salad and birthday biscuits.	Preparing and making Mexican dishes for our 'Mexican Day'.
Religious Education	Signs and symbols of belonging to explore the questions Who am I?	Believing - Christianity and Judaism.
Physical Education	Firework Dance. Throwing and catching. Real PE - focusing on key skills.	Tri golf. Travelling and sending equipment. Real PE - focusing on key skills.

Home Learning/Reading

Regular reading continues to be the most important home learning at this stage and we recommend that children read aloud to an adult at least three times a week at home. At the Parents Information Meeting next week, we will discuss our new reading scheme and some changes for this year. Recent research has shown that it is important to hear your child read the same book three times: firstly, to decode the text, secondly, to develop fluency and expression and thirdly, to develop comprehension skills through questioning. Keywords are provided so that the children can learn to recognise these words quickly. Please use them to play simple games with your child, such as 'pairs' or 'snap'. Through discussing books and commenting on characters, settings and events in the story, the children will become more engaged in the text and will develop a greater understanding. We also encourage children to collect interesting words and phrases from their reading, with a view to using these in their own writing.

For Years 1&2, other forms of home learning will be set and may be related to either Maths or English. Sometimes it may be reading or research related to our topic. Please ensure that home learning is handed in on the required day and is presented to a high standard, (**All writing in pencil please**).

PE Kit

Please ensure children have appropriate kit **in school** every day, all clearly labelled. This makes it so much easier to get misplaced or lost kit back to its owner, thank you. Also, stud earrings must be removed for safety reasons **or** children should bring plasters to place over earrings if they are unable to remove them. It is also important to keep checking that plimsolls fit comfortably and children must have track suit bottoms for outdoor P.E.

PE days -

1JT - Tuesday and Friday

1AM - Monday and Friday

2LF - Monday and Friday

2JH - Thursday and Friday

Fruit and Water Breaks

To promote healthy eating the children will be offered a piece of fruit each morning. The children are welcome to bring in their own fruit if they would prefer. A clear water bottle should also be brought to school each day. Once again, please make sure this is clearly labelled. Please note that our policy is that only plain still water may be drunk during class time.

Personal Belongings

Children should refrain from bringing personal belongings into school. We share small items or pictures that are related to our current topics **only**. Certificates and medals from activities outside school can be shared every other Tuesday in Excellence Assembly.

We would also like to remind you of the 'no rucksacks rule' that is school policy for KS1. Please also monitor the contents of book bags and keep this to a minimum so that they fit into our storage drawers and restrict attachments, such as key-rings, to one small item. Please talk to your child about their role in looking after their own belongings and also check that all clothing items are named to help them find their way home, if lost.

Class Assemblies

1AM - 23rd November

2LF - 30th November

Dates for your diary

11th September - Year One talk to parents.

12th September - Year Two talk to parents.

17th October - Open parents evening 5pm-7pm.

18th October - Harvest Festival at Emmanuel Church at 10am.

8th December - School Association Christmas Fair.

13th and 14th December - Christmas nativity at Emmanuel Church at 10am.

18th December - Infants Carols around the Tree at 2pm.

Other whole school dates and updates can be found on our school website: www.compton-cofe-primary.org

As always, we are very grateful for any parental support this year. If you would like to spend some time in school helping out then please see your child's teacher who will be more than happy to make arrangements with you. May we remind you that any messages can be conveyed to the morning Duty Teacher or written in the Home School Book. If you have any concerns, please contact the class teacher at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

Team 1/2

Mrs Follett, Mrs Hensman, Mrs Malia and Miss Tolcher