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Spring Termly Learning Letter - Team 1/2

Dear Everyone,

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year, and we hope you all had a peaceful Christmas. The children have come back to school enthusiastically and are excited about the new topics this term. This letter provides an overview of the learning which is planned for this term.

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 - Allan Ahlberg books to inspire fiction and poetry. Non-fiction writing linked to Morwellham Quay trip. Handwriting - letter formation and flicks.	NC content (including grammar, punctuation and spelling) to be covered through a range of writing genres. Famous Author. Performance Poetry. Fantasy stories about dragons. Writing instructions linked to healthy living. 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, money, geometry and statistics.
Science	Weather associated with changes of seasons. Identify flowers/trees growing in their local environment. Identify and name parts of flowers and trees. Sort and name a variety of common animals e.g. reptiles, mammals, amphibians etc.	How we change as we grow? Our basic needs to survive. Healthy diets and food groups. Investigations linked to exercise and a healthy body.
Geography	Seasonal/daily weather patterns in UK. Introduction to the 4 countries of the United Kingdom. Recognise compass points N/S/E/W.	
Computing	E-Safety. Using programmable toys to create simple algorithms.	Develop word processing skills. Programming software using algorithms - Scratch E- Safety -
History	Changes in living memory - Link to themselves and grandparents. Look at toys old and new making comparisons. Tip to Morwellham Quay.	Create timelines/ sequence events linked to famous people - Mary Seacole, Mozart and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Visitor to compare past and present nursing.
Music	Sing with an awareness of pulse and melody. Performance with an awareness of long and short sounds.	Learning about famous musician - Mozart/Andrew Lloyd Webber - CATS Listen and discuss pieces of his work.
Art and Design	Infant Art Week.	Infant Art Week. Focus on a famous artist - Matisse
Design & Technology		Design, make and evaluate a healthy picnic.
Religious Education	Feelings and choices Belonging Celebrations - Easter	Teachers and leaders.
Physical Education	Real PE - focusing on key skills.	Skipping Travelling and receiving 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 names to help them find their way home, if lost.

Class Assemblies

1JT - 8th February

2JH - 29th March

Dates for your diary

22nd January - Author visit - Simon James will be selling and signing books.

22nd January - Year One trip to Morwellham Quay.

12th February - Science Day

12th and 13th February - Parents Evenings

25th March - Infant Art Week

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

We thank you for your continuing support and cooperation and we look forward to meeting with you at the Parents Evenings later in the term. In the meantime, please leave a message in the Home School Book or via the Duty Teacher to arrange a suitable time, should you wish to discuss any concerns or queries with a teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Team 1/2

Mrs Follett, Mrs Hensman, Mrs Malia and Miss Tolcher