**Summer 1 – Curriculum Letter**

We hope the information below will provide you and your child with the information you need regarding what we are learning in the next half term in Year 1.

**English**

Our story will be Giraffes Can’t Dance by Giles Andreae. We will be learning to retell the story and write a fact file.

**Maths**

- Multiplication and division – calculating the answer to problems using concrete objects.

- Fractions – recognise, find and name a half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity.

- Position and direction - describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three quarter turns.

**Science**

Both summer half terms: We will be learning about animals. This includes learning that animals can be mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds and learning common features of each group. We will also learn that animals can be carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

**Geography**

Both summer half terms: ‘Why don’t giraffes live in the Antarctic?’ – We will be learning about hot and cold places around the world.

**DT**

We will explore and use mechanisms including levers and sliders. We will design, make and evaluate our own moving pictures using a mechanism.

**Computing**

Coding on Purple Mash.

**PE days - Please ensure that your child comes to school in their school PE uniform on their designated day.**

Class 1.1: Tuesday Class 1.2: Tuesday Class 1.3: Friday

In addition to their class PE slot, children will have additional PE as part of the PPA provision. Please see the table below for the additional days for your child during this half term.

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| **Summer 1** | **P.E** |
| Monday 15th April | 1.1 & 1.3 |
| Monday 22nd April | 1.2 & 1.3 |
| Monday 29th April | 1.1 & 1.2 |
| Monday 6th May | Bank holiday |
| Monday 13th May | 1.2 & 1.3 |
| Monday 20th May | 1.1 & 1.2 |

**Reading and Spelling**

Your child will be given a reading book to bring home and read with you, ideally every day. They will also have a reading journal for you to record when they have read with you. Please don’t feel that you have to write a comment daily, but it is really helpful for us to know how often they have read at home, and how well they are doing. ***They will need to keep their reading journal and book in their book bags to bring to school every day.***

As book bags will be kept in the classroom, **children cannot use large bags or rucksacks**. Spellings will be sent home later in the term for your child to practise and learn.

**Homework**

Homework is an opportunity for you to share in your child’s learning, by supporting and encouraging them as they complete their homework tasks.

Mrs Ellis-Barker, Mrs Askham and Miss Harvey

Year One Team