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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and an enjoyable time with your children.

Here at Clenchwarton Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the two topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through during the next few weeks

Our class topic until half term is '**Posting places**'



English - We will be exploring familiar and unfamiliar rhymes and stories. We will be developing creative responses to the text and writing in role. We will be aiming to write and publish our own book.

Maths - We have blocks of work based on Time, Place Value, Number: Addition and subtraction, Measurement: Length and height.

Science - We will be 'Using our senses'.

Geography - We will be learning our address. We will also be locating and looking at different countries, continents and oceans.

Our class topic from half term, until Easter, is '**The Snail and the Whale**'.



English - We will be forming questions, writing Captions (simple descriptions), Writing in role (speech bubbles), labelling maps, writing recounts (diary entries), Writing simple narrative based on known text (The... and the Whale) and writing a recount based on an eye-witness account.

Maths - We have blocks of work based on Number: multiplication and division, Number: Fractions.

Science - We will be 'Looking at animals'.

Geography - We will be learning about the lives of significant individuals & Significant historical events.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all the children who have supported their children in doing their Homework every week, encouraged their children to practice their spellings and have heard their children read at least 3 times each week. All these things are a very important extension to work in class and are used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills. They are a very important part of their education.

Please remember to send your child's homework and spelling folders to school **EVERY Thursday**, in the plastic bag provided.



Please ensure that reading books and word cards come to school daily (with their reading record).

Although it isn't possible for us to hear the children read their books or word cards every day, we do try our very best to squeeze this in whenever there is a spare moment! We do make the most of our reading buddies from Year 5, and we will be recording guided reading sessions in them as well. Please feel free to remove the word cards from their tag and muddle them up, especially if you feel that your child is learning them in order!

If you (or a grandparent, etc.) have any spare time (on a regular basis) and feel that you could help listen to children read, please come and see me.

As there are so many identical blue book bags, it is a good idea to 'decorate' your child's book bag with a key ring, or stickers, etc. That way your child can find their folder at a glance.

Phonics –

From next Thursday onwards, you will receive phonics homework, to support your child to learn the sounds they are unsure of. This will consist of a sheet of fake and real words. Encourage your child to highlight/underline the sound in each word, before sound talking the word and saying it to you (i.e., 'c' 'oa' 't' coat).

Encourage them to play games using the same sounds on <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>. Do revisit the sheets to ensure that your child has learnt the sound. Don't forget that you can record this phonics work in your reading record, as one session of reading.

P.E.

Gymnastics is on a **Thursday morning** this half term. A full P.E. kit (as listed in the school prospectus) should always be kept in school. They need to wear shorts and t-shirt as we will be going on the apparatus.

Labels

There are still lots of jumpers, plimsolls, water bottles and other items that have not been labelled. Are your child's belongings clearly named? Please recheck your child's items are named (including gloves, hats and scarves).

Water bottles

We send home the water bottles on a Friday night to be washed – if you wish to take them home on a more frequent basis, then I don't mind. They wash up wonderfully in the dishwasher.

PLEASE send them back to school every Monday full of nice, clean water (no squash!). New bottles / lids can be purchased from the school office. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A WATER BOTTLE IN CLASS** – just in case they do feel thirsty.

I hope you have found this letter useful. Additional letters will be sent home in the summer terms to update you on new topics and class information.

If you every have any worries or concerns or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me to make an after-school appointment or send me a note via the lovely ladies who man the gates before school. Most things can be sorted easily and quickly if I know about them.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Preston
Class Teacher