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Celebrating Learning Together

Thursday 11th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday with your family. We are really looking forward to teaching your children this term.

Topics we will cover this term in Year 1 and 2:

- English – Fiction text – Don't spill the milk, Stuck, Non fiction texts – Hot and Cold and Poetry
- Maths – a strong focus on using and applying maths in real life in Year 2 and developing understanding of numbers to 100 in Year 1
- Science – Materials looking at the suitability and properties of many materials
- Geography – we are exploring weather patterns across the globe.
- History – comparing three queens – Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II.
- Art – we are using the skills of collage and painting to explore the Surrealist art of Magritte.
- DT – we will be creating in 3D, thinking about how structures are stable.
- RE – Islam and Christianity (Easter)
- PE – Gymnastics, Tennis, Multi skills and Netball
- Computing – Computer programming using BeeBots

Year R use a weekly book as a springboard for their learning, which is linked to the Year 1 and 2 subjects. Some of the books include 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Where the Wild Things Are', 'One Year with Kipper', and 'Not a Box!'. We also follow their interests, which can take us to some amazing places! We have an overarching theme of 'Who Lives There?' and after half term 'Let's Build It!'.

Please ensure that your child has a NAMED water bottle in school each day, along with a suitable outdoor coat that needs to be in school EVERY DAY please.

PE Kits – PE kits will need to be worn on a FRIDAY all day instead of school uniform as before. We will also have PE every Thursday afternoon, so PE kits in school please on a Thursday.

Reading – this is such an important part of your child's development and put simply, children who read regularly make more progress than those who don't. Please could reading books be in school EVERY day.

On a Friday, Mrs Wood will carry out a guided reading session with all Year 1 and 2 children in small groups. Mrs Wood will change year 1 and 2 books on a Friday if necessary and issue any house points and tick them off in your child's reading record.

Children will get one or two phonics reading books a week. They will also bring home a book to share together with an adult.

Parent Volunteers – we would welcome any parents or carers who could spare an hour a week or fortnightly to listen to some of the children read. You will need to be DBS checked which the school can arrange. Thank you in advance if you are able to help!



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Home learning – Home learning in Year R will be to read as much as they can, at least 4 times a week - this can include time on Nussy. Mrs Fuller will also send home activities that are specifically for your child to support their individual needs. Whilst these are not compulsory, they will make a difference to your child's progress, so please complete them if you can!

In Year 1 and 2, we would encourage children to continue to read 4 times a week, spend 20 minutes on Nussy and/or Active Learn Maths. A home learning challenge will be sent out each half term – you should have already received the challenge for this half term.

House points will be awarded for completed tasks/ reading to all children.

Pre-teaching We will occasionally post a short task such as watching a video on ClassDojo before we cover that subject in class. Pre-teaching is a research-based strategy that involves teaching learners about concepts or skills before they encounter them in the classroom. This helps to boost learning by allowing the information to sink in and then be repeated in class.

Communication Please come and speak to a member of the Teddy Team if you have any problems or worries about your children that you would like to discuss. We are here to help! We will put informal messages and class updates on Dojo. Please can all urgent messages, appointments and absences be notified to the SCHOOL OFFICE and not via Dojo. Any informal, non-urgent messages can be sent through Class Dojo. You can always contact us by making an appointment with the office or sending a message via Dojo. The school office can be contacted in person, by telephone or by email: admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk

Teaching Days

	Morning		Afternoon
	REC	Y1/Y2	Rec/Y1/Y2
Monday	Mrs Fuller Mrs Quance	Miss Chauhan Mrs Whiting	Mrs Fuller Mrs Whiting Mrs Quance
Tuesday	Mrs Fuller Mrs Quance	Miss Chauhan Mrs Whiting	Miss Chauhan Mrs Whiting Mrs Quance
Wednesday	Mrs Fuller Mrs Quance	Miss Chauhan Mrs Whiting	Mrs Fuller Mrs Whiting Mrs Quance
Thursday	Mrs Fuller Mrs Quance	Mrs Wood Mrs Whiting	Mrs Wood Mrs Whiting Mrs Quance
Friday	Mrs Wood, Mrs Quance and Mrs Whiting		



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Dates for the Diary

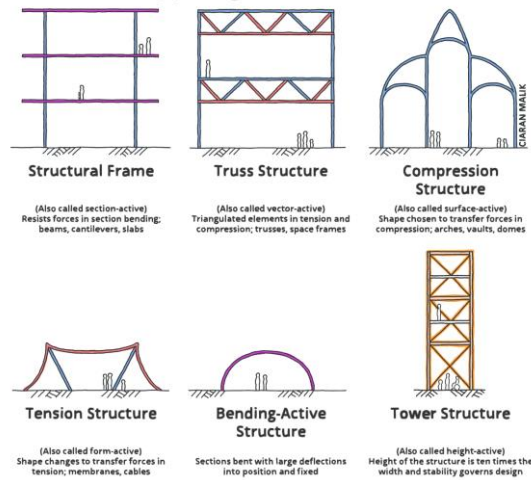
Wonderstruck Science Day - 30th January
World Book Day - 7th March

We are looking forward to another great term of learning!

The Teddy Team



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