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Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break!

This term the children will be practising for their class assembly which takes place on Wednesday 23rd May. We are also looking forward to our visit from Steve from the wild workshop on Monday 16th April. This term, we will also be preparing the children for the phonics screening check that take place in June.

Below is some useful information and an indication of the teaching and learning that will take place over the next half term. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to me in the morning before school, after school or contact me via the school office telephone number.

Forest school

Unfortunately our last forest school session was cancelled just before we broke up for Easter. I have spoken with Rachel the forest school leader and we will be arranging the final forest school session for later on in the term.

P.E

Our new topic this term is dance with Miss Causer . Please ensure that your child still has a full P.E kit in school and earrings are taken out or covered on P.E days (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Phonics

This term, I will be sending home phonics sounds that your child is struggling with or finding tricky. I will also send home some real and nonsense words for the children to practise at home. This will support and prepare the children for the phonics screening check which takes place in June.

Thank you for your support

Miss Kenny
Year 1 teacher

English

This term we will be learning about information texts.
Children will:

- understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction books;
- be able to identify and use some of the features of non-fiction texts: title, blurb, contents, index, illustrations, picture captions;
- be able to predict what a given book might be about from a brief look at front and back covers;
- read, write and use captions;

- read simple instructions;
- write and draw simple instructions;
- formulate questions and use a text to find the answer.

Maths

In maths children will:

- Add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero.
- Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.
- Recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.
- Recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.

Topic

Our Topic for this term is 'The Royal Family'. Children will look at their family tree - who lives at home, siblings and also the royal family tree. They will learn about the life of the royals past and present and compare this to how we live today.

Spellings

for, short, born, horse, morning
 more, score, before, wore, shore
 saw, draw, yawn, crawl
 air, fair, pair, hair, chair
 dear, hear, beard, near, year
 bear, pear, wear
 bare, dare, care, share, scared
 football, farmyard, bedroom

Common Exception Words

put, push, pull, full, house, our, do, today, of

R.E - Why is baptism special?

Children will develop their understanding of what it means to belong through exploring the celebration of baptism and the ways in which people of faith welcome babies.

Children will re-enact a baptism service and learn the story of Jesus being baptised by John.

They will explore the objects relating to baptism and look at traditions of 2 other faiths.

If your child has been baptised, I would be grateful if you could bring a picture of their baptism into school for our class display. If you have any objects at home relating to baptism we would love to see them to support our discussions.