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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break over Easter. I am really looking forward to this summer term. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in 1H this Summer term.

Homework will be set once a week

Our homework routine remains the same this term except for when we have a class assembly. The children will have lines and songs to learn in preparation for their assembly that week.

Maths and phonics/grammar will be given out on a **Monday** which is due back on the following **Monday**. This homework is marked and kept in your child's folder. If there are any difficulties or issues arising from this homework do let your child's class teacher know.

Spellings/sentences will be given out on a **Monday** to be completed by **Friday** for your child's spelling test.

English

This term we will be focusing on text with Fantasy and Imaginary World Settings and Poems about strange and imaginary settings.

Phonics

We continue to use the phonics scheme called Essential Letters and Sounds across the school which is taught to the children daily. It is essential that children continue to read and practise these sounds on a regular basis at home through reading daily.

This term will be when the year 1 children will be having their phonics screening. The children will need to sound out words and be able to say the word aloud. Children will be required to read a range of real and pseudo (fake) words during this screening. Please continue to practise sounding out and reading words daily using the printouts your child brought home at Easter. If you have any questions regarding the screening please ask.

Reading

Reading remains a vital aspect of your child's education. It becomes very evident in children's writing when they read regularly. Thus, to best support your child, **please ensure they read at home every evening**. This can be from a variety of texts including news articles and picture books. Your child will be issued with a reading folder, a 'free reader/reading for pleasure' book that they will independently choose from the class library, as well as 1 or 2 levelled reading books. In addition, they will take home their yellow Reading Record which will have a list of recommended reading books inside. I kindly ask if you could listen to your child read and sign these Reading Records regularly (**at least three times every week**). Listening to your child read and asking questions will support their comprehension and retrieval skills and progress can only be made with this invaluable parental support.

These records will be checked **every Friday**.

Folders must be brought in everyday and new books will be issued each week.

Maths:

The topics we will be covering this term are:

Year 1:

- Numbers 50 to 100 and beyond: - •Read, write, represent, compare and order numbers to 100 •One more/fewer, ten more/fewer •identify number patterns.
- Addition and Subtraction: - •Explore addition and subtraction involving 2-digit numbers and ones •Represent and explain addition and subtraction with regrouping •investigate number bonds within 20.
- Money: - •Name coins and notes and understand their value •Represent the same value using different coins •Find change
- Multiplication and Division: - •Share equally into groups •doubling •Link halving to fractions •Add equal groups •Explore arrays.
- Measures: Capacity and Volume: - •Compare capacities, volumes and lengths •Explore litres •Apply understanding of fractions to capacity.

Physical Education

PE will take place every **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school on the day dressed in their full St Charles P.E kit; which is a St Charles/plain white t-shirt, navy shorts/bottoms and suitable trainers/plimsolls. Football kits are not appropriate and must not be worn.

This half term we will be learning athletics and preparing for our summer sports day.

Music - Rhythm and Pitch

During the first half term of summer, children will be learning: Singing and Playing Skills 1: Pitch-Matching. During the second half term, children will be learning about Understanding Rhythm and Pitch using percussion.

Design and Technology

During the second part of the term, year one will focus on Structures. They will be designing and making playground equipment.

Art

This half term we will be exploring Sculpture. They will be: defining sculpture; using a range of materials for carving/building-up; drawing and sketching; learn about casting; colour in sculpture; different styles of sculpture and scales.

Computing

This term we will be learning about: Computer Science where they will be Coding. Digital Literacy, where children will be learning about safety and finding out information from an online game. Information technology, where children will learn to use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

Science

This term, children will be exploring Plants and their structures and Seasonal Changes.

Geography

This term we will be focusing on Geography using some historical links where possible. Our first topic is: Let's go to the Jungle where we will focus on questions such as:

- Can I locate jungles around the world and begin to describe them?
- What are some features and weather of Indian tropical seasonal forests?
- Where mangroves and what are their features and weather?
- Where cloud forests and what are their features?
- What are the similarities and differences between a British woodland and a tropical jungle?

Our second topic is Holidays where we will focus on:

- What is the same/different between holidays now and in the past?
- Where are the hot and cold places in the world?
- What would you pack to go to hot or cold countries?
- Where would you like to go on holiday?

RE

This Summer term, the topics we will cover in RE are: Holidays & Holy days, Being Sorry and Neighbours.

Stationery & Uniform

It is helpful for your child to have a pencil case containing the following equipment: pencil, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils, ruler and 1 glue stick.

Please ensure full school uniform is always worn and is **clearly labelled** with your child's name as well as any equipment your child may bring in, including water bottles. Uniform slips will go home if your child is not wearing any of the correct uniform.

Collection and Home time

Regarding children being collected, please ensure you have called the office or notified the teacher if there is somebody different collecting your child. We will not be able to dismiss your child for child protection reasons without this information.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to request a call back through the school office or email me on our class email address: 1H@st-charles.rbkc.sch.uk

This email address is not for informing the school of absence; the main office must be contacted in that instance. Please remember that as I am in class teaching during the day, I may not be able to reply instantly, but will get back to you as soon as possible. If you have an urgent concern, please phone the school directly on 020-8969-5566.

Best wishes

Mrs Harwood
1H Class Teacher

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