February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful half term break and are all ready to get back in the swing of Year 1.

**Topic**

Our topic theme is Journeys and Explorers and we will be looking at different types of transport, journeys made to the South Pole, and what it would be like to travel to places with different climates. I have attached the Year 1 topic web which shows how the various subjects link with this topic, as well as other areas of the curriculum we hope to cover this term.

For our DT and Art, we require a variety of recyclable objects (cardboard boxes, egg boxes, milk bottles with lids, jar lids – without the jars – butter pots, drink bottles, newspapers, etc.), so please keep sending these items in. We have had lots of contributions already, which we are very thankful for.

**Phonics**

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions to enable the children’s reading, writing and spelling skills to develop.

**Guided Reading**

We will continue our guided reading sessions throughout the week. All children will have three guided reading sessions throughout the week, with a different focus in each lesson. They shall be sent home with their book on a Friday and need to bring it back on the Monday, when they shall be issued with a new one. They will also get a library book to take home with them on a Monday and bring back to school again the following Monday. If your child wishes to get a new library book during the week, please send the current one back in and this can be swapped for a new one.

**P.E**

In PE, the class will be covering a wide range of skills, but this half term we are focussing on tennis and hockey. The children will require their PE kit; a plain red T-shirt, shorts or jogging trousers, sweatshirt and suitable footwear for going outside. We are asking that children come in already dressed in their P.E kit on their allocated P.E days. Our set days for P.E. are Monday and Wednesday. In accordance with the regulations stated in Cambridge County Council’s Health and Safety Guidelines for Physical Education, all children with long hair must have it tied back, and all jewellery must be removed. In the event of children having new ear piercings they should have tape with them to cover the studs. The children must be able to do this for themselves.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to discuss them with me.

Kind regards,

Katie Dickerson