Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope you have had a very enjoyable break, and the children are ready and raring to get back to school! I'm sure everyone has had lots of chocolate and sweet stuff to last them all term.

Summer Term 2023

Below outlines some of the areas that we will be covering over the Summer Term, and ideas of how you might support your child's learning at home.

# **English**

This term we will first be focusing on instructions, letters, a recount, traditional tales and poetry using our whole school approach of Talk for writing. We will practise our spelling and grammar to help with our writing. Below are some websites that will help you support your children with their learning.

# **Instructions**

https://www.kingscourtfirst.co.uk/instruction-writing/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRf8TuwIFRM

# Spelling and grammar

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv

### Poetry

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjhhvcw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BSG2QRj 4M

## **Traditional Tales**

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=traditional%20tales

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISrkkNTijw8

### Vipers (reading skills)

The children need to understand what they are reading and be able to empathise with characters within the story. Through Vipers sessions we talk about what they have read and look closely at vocabulary used. Please remember to log on to the reading app and record any reading done at home as the children work towards extra playtime every week if they score the highest as a class.

Here are some questions to help you when you are reading together.

What do you think this book is going to be about?

Who is the main character?

How do you think he or she felt when .... happened?

What is going to happen next?

### Below are just some of the Year 1 suggested books.

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The Cat in the Hat	Dr Seuss
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr
Hairy Maclary	Lynley Dodd
The Large Family Collection	Jill Murphy

Charlie and Lola	Lauren Child
The Smartest Giant in Town	Julia Donaldson

# Author of the half term

The first half term we will be looking at books by Tracey Corderoy. Take a look at the website below to find out about her.

https://www.traceycorderoy.com/

The second half of term we will look at the author Harriet Muncaster.

https://harrietmuncaster.co.uk/books-by-harriet-muncaster

#### Maths

Multiplication and division, fractions, position and direction, place value within 100, money and time are the areas we will be focusing on this term.

Below are some websites you can use to help support with your children's learning.

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=year%201%20maths

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular

https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/

https://whizz.com/year-1-maths-games/

### Geography

The first half term will be a Geography based topic- What's it like here? I am sure the children will enjoy the wide range of learning that encompasses this topic, we will look at maps of the classroom, the school, the surrounding area and the local area.

Below are some websites for you to explore.

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=12&AgeGroup=2

https://www.busythings.co.uk/schools/curriculum/geography

# **History**

The second half term will be a History based topic – Castles. We will get the opportunity to visit Warwick castle at the end of this term being able to see everything we have learnt about.

Below are some websites for you to explore.

https://www.rct.uk/resources/game-bring-on-the-battle-childrens-activity

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbsydm/articles/z6bpm39

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGXkMVsZac0



### Science

Living things and their habitats - Looking at Animals – The children will look closely at different types of animals, carnivores, omnivores, herbivores, physical features, habitats.

Living things including humans – Looking at our senses – Touch, smell, taste, hearing.

These are some useful websites for you to look at.

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=Animals+including+humans+bones&p=1

https://wowscience.co.uk/

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=senses

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=291ClckZmdo

#### **Religious Education**

This term we are focussing our learning on two new units:

What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

What makes places sacred to believers?

#### P.E

Every day we will have some kind of physical activity so the children will need their PE kit to be here on Monday and they will bring this home on a Friday. They will need a Glenmere sports t-shirt and black shorts, and an outdoor PE kit, including tracksuit bottoms, a Glenmere hoodie and spare socks. A change of footwear is needed (plimsolls for indoor sessions, trainers for outdoors, and these should not be the same shoes as their school shoes). This term we will be outdoors for

some of the sessions, so it is VERY important that your child has the correct kit. Please also note that **for ALL PE activities, NO jewellery whatsoever must be worn, including earrings, watches and necklaces.** 

#### Art and DT

In Art we will be looking at Sculpture and 3D – Paper play - We will explore what can be done with paper to create a 3D picture.

Moving story – This unit will focus on moving parts in a picture of a story. We will have a go at making our own moving picture using techniques learnt.

#### <u>ICT</u>

Children will be practising their typing skills and exploring how to change the font, its size, colour in the first half of term and then creating simple animations in the second half.

#### Personal Development including PSHE.

In our personal development we will be continuing to look at what makes a good friend and how we can make sure everyone feels safe and happy. We will discuss the British Values and how these are linked to everyday life highlighting the need to be respectful, kind and that everyone has their own opinion about things which is fine and makes our society as diverse as it is. In our PSHE lessons we will be learning about keeping safe and who is there to help with this like the emergency services. We will also continue to have our weekly primary news assemblies which highlights current issues for us to discuss.

#### More able / Children who require more support

Within the Year 1 classroom and through Glenmere Primary School we provide provision for every child in order for them to reach their full potential. For our more able children they will be given extension activities which enable them to experience deeper understanding.

The National Association for Able Children in Education - www.NACE.co.uk

Children who are on the SEN register or the cause for concern list will also have provisions in place. We have resources to help SEN children develop and work closely to observe their progress.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p

We look forward to watching the children enjoy their learning in year 1

Thank you for your support in advance.

Miss Hartley and Miss Pearce.