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Puffins, Kingfishers and Nightingales

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half-term break, we hope you had a relaxing week. Please find below an outline of the subjects we will be covering this half-term in Year One. We hope that this will help you to support your children's learning at home.

History	How have toys changed since my Grandparents were young? The will look at changes in toys beyond living memory. Children will explore a range of different toys from the past and compare these with the present.
Science	How are plants different? The children will learn to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will also be able to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.
Maths	In Maths, we will be focusing on numbers to 100 including: counting, writing, comparing and completing number sequences. We will introduce volume and capacity and we will look at describing volume using halves and quarters. Lastly the children will learn about position and movement and use the vocabulary to describe direction.
English	In English, we will be reading the story Jack and the Beanstalk to enhance the children's repertoire of traditional tales. We will also be writing various non-fiction pieces related to our wider topic of toys and our trip to Twickenham Apiary.
PE	The children will continue to develop their bat and ball skills in Games. They will learn to balance, push and strike a ball. In gymnastics the children will focus on rocking and rolling. They will learn some different types of rolls which they will combine with jumping to make a short sequence.
RE	What responsibility has God given people for taking care of Creation? The children will look at the Bible and the story of creation. We will focus on what Christians believe are God's instructions to follow in caring for creation and identify how to be good stewards. They will look at the meaning of the biblical phrase ...'made in God's image' and how Christians care for the people God has created.
Computing	We Are Gardeners: How can we make a plant grow on the computer? The children will be using simulation to find the best growing conditions for a plant.
Art	Collage: What artistic mediums can we experiment with? The children will explore a range of techniques to create their own collages.
Music	Your Imagination: We will be focusing on the unit Your Imagination. The children will be learning to compose, improvise and perform their own song.
PSHCE	Healthy Lifestyles: The children will be looking how to lead a healthy lifestyle. They will look at different activities that can help them keep fit.
Other/Trips	Kingfishers Class Assembly – Friday 27 th April Twickenham Apiary – Friday 11 th May Toy Workshop – Monday 14 th May

It is really helpful when children are changing for PE, that your child's uniform, PE clothes and footwear are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please remember that every child must have a named water bottle (preferably a school one available from the office) in school each day.

We are available between 8.00 a.m. and 8.15 a.m. and after school on most days apart from Mondays, if you have any queries or issues to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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