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Puffins, Kingfishers and Nightingales

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term, we hope you had a relaxing break. 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.

Geography	The children will learn about interesting places from around the world. They will look at where they are located on a map and compare and contrast the different landmarks, cultures and customs of these countries.
Science	How do the seasons impact on what we do? The children will be learning about seasonal changes throughout the year and how this impacts on the environment.
Maths	We will be looking at place value of numbers to 20. The children will focus on addition and subtraction within 20 and they will learn to solve missing number problems. They will also be looking common 2D and 3D shapes.
English	We will be focussing on classic cultural tales to inspire the children in their written work. The children will also be looking at writing instructions with Christmas as the theme. Lastly we will be using our senses to write seasonal poems.
PE	PE will focus on games and gym. In games the children will be developing their ball skills and in gymnastics the children will be working on flight, bouncing, jumping and landing.
RE	What is the story of Noah? The children will learn the story of Noah and discuss what they find puzzling about the story. We will look at why 'grace' is important to Christians and what it means to them. They will also be focusing on the Nativity Story which will lead up to their performance!
Computing	Linking with the festive season the children we learn how to create an electronic card. They will look at graphics to enhance their card.
Art	Colour mixing and tone- How can we make new colours? The children will explore colour mixing. They will make primary and secondary colours. We will introduce the idea of having tones of the same colour and link these to the theme of Autumn and Winter.
Music	The children will be learning a number of songs and actions to these to represent rhythm.
PSHCE	The focus will be medicines and how to keep ourselves safe.
Diversity	Throughout the school each year group has chosen a key individual to allow us to explore diversity. Our influential individual for this project is Pocahontas.
Trips/Experiences	Toy workshop – Monday 29 th October Around the world dress up day -TBC

On your child's PE day they should arrive in PE kit and remain in it all day.

Kingfishers: Wednesday and Friday

Nightingales: Thursday and Friday

Puffins: Tuesday and Thursday

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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Constance Capel - **Nightingales**
Leanne Mitchell and Milli van Wilgenburg- **Kingfishers**