Monday 7th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, as a team we hope that you and your child had a restful half term and enjoyed the sunshine after what was another busy term. Can you believe, we have now begun the final term of Year One?! Sadly, with the disruptions that COVID has caused, the year has been different to how we had planned. Hopefully now we can focus on the future and all enjoy the final weeks together and head back to normality. The purpose of this letter yet again is to provide you with an insight into what your child will be learning at school this term and how you can best support them at home.

Both your child’s Reading and Writing sessions will centre around the story ***The Robot and the Bluebird***by David Lucas.

The Reading sessions will place an emphasis on Phonics with your child needing to have a sound understanding of the Phase 3 and Phase 4 sounds taught earlier this year. During Term Four we carried out a number of different challenges with your child to identify what sounds they do / do not know as this helped us to identify the gaps in your child’s learning. We will be carrying out similar challenges this term to see what progress has been made and where we need to focus our teaching further. In order to support us bridge those gaps please continue to practise reading the sounds at home. These were sent out to you last term.

The Writing sessions will focus on developing your child’s understanding of writing a sentence using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In addition to these key skills, they will also develop their understanding of using ‘and’ to join two simple sentences together whilst writing a letter.

In Science, this term our focus will be the ***Four Seasons***; where we will learn to compare and discuss changes that occur in the weather across the seasons, talk about how and why day length varies across the seasons and use ICT to make a simple bar chart to show the pattern of the weather.

History will be based around the topic of ***Castles;*** where we will explore what a castle is, demonstrate an understanding of a castle by drawing and labelling a diagram and also build a castle from junk modelling.

Design Technology will focus on ***Food and Nutrition***; identifying if a food is a fruit or a vegetable, identifying where plants grow and which part we eat, comparing fruit and vegetables by taste or texture, before making a fruit and vegetable smoothie in school.

PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday and ***Sports Day*** will be held on ***Thursday 15th July 2021***.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team – Mr Bowers, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Mansi, Miss Quinn and Mrs Hughes.