



## ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely, restful break and that you are ready for the new term ahead. Our new topic for the spring term will be Explorers.

Children in Year 1 will learn about the following this term:

<b>English</b>	We will be studying poetry and traditional tales. For the former, we will be looking at rhyming poems, particularly limericks and writing our own. The children will also study the structure and meaning behind some poems. For the latter, we will be reading and analysing stories while focusing on characters, story structure and writing our own fairy tales.
<b>Maths</b>	We will focus on number patterns and number sequences. The children will learn to count forwards and backwards in different multiples. We will be developing the use of number lines and number squares to add and subtract. We will concentrate on data handling and study pictograms, venn diagrams and carroll diagrams as well as making tally charts. The children will also look at money and real life problems.
<b>Science</b>	We will be learning about the properties of common materials.
<b>Topic</b>	In our Explorers topic, we will be looking at maps and using them. The children will also compare different places. They will look at explorers from the past and where they travelled.
<b>Design Technology &amp; Art</b>	Our focus is lines, tones, colour and landscapes.
<b>RE</b>	The children will be learning about different beliefs.
<b>PE</b>	Dance, Gym and Games
<b>Computing</b>	We will be learning about visual information including data handling and graphs.
<b>P4C</b>	Our focus is relationships, health and well-being and British Values.

### Reading

All children are expected to bring in their **reading books** and **reading records** every day. Please fill in their reading record when they read at home. Library books will be changed on a fortnightly basis on a **Thursday**.

### Homework

As well as reading at home regularly, the children will be expected to complete one homework task a week. In each child's homework book there is a home learning grid where they can choose from a range of activities. Please could parents / carers date and sign to show when the task has been completed. Homework needs to be handed in each Tuesday and a member of the Year 1 team will mark it.



## PE

We will have PE on **Monday and Friday** this term but it would be helpful if the children had their PE kit in school throughout the week in the event of bad weather or extra sessions with a coach. Please make sure that **all PE kit and uniform is named**. Outdoor PE is on a Monday.

## Targets

To keep you involved in our learning we will be sending home new targets as soon as the old ones have been met. We aim to change the targets approximately every 6 weeks and will let you know when we are ready for new ones!

Writing target	Maths target
To leave spaces between words.	To create simple equivalent expressions, e.g. $1+5=5+1$
To join words and clauses using 'and.'	To understand the relationship between addition and subtraction, e.g. $10+2=12$ , $12-2=10$
To use capital letters and full-stops and question marks.	To read , write and understand number sentences containing + - and =
To use capital letters (including people and places) and full-stops and question marks.	To represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

## Extra information

If there is any information you feel that we should know, please do come and let us know. This could include allergy or medical information, or letting us know the adults who can or cannot pick up your child.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Mrs Rose

*Interim year 1 Teacher*