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Year 1 Spring Term 2025 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have all worked incredibly hard during the Autumn Term. We look forward to another brilliant term with the Year 1 children and the continued support of all parents.

<b>Topic Focus</b>	Spring 1 – United Kingdom Spring 2 – Terrific Transport
<b>Subject</b>	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
<b>English</b>	In phonics the children will be learning about the sound families (e.g. the /ai/ sound can be made with a family of alternative spellings such as <b>rain</b> , <b>play</b> , <b>cake</b> , <b>they</b> , <b>acorn</b> , <b>eight</b> ). In English, the children will be developing the skills to write their own 'losing' story based on the model text 'Monkey See – Monkey Do'. In spring 2, we will be learning how to write information texts based on the model text 'The Elefhog'. As part of both units we will be learning the texts off by heart with actions. Why not ask your child to tell them to teach you by the end of the term!
<b>Maths</b>	The children will continue to have access to practical experiences in their maths learning this term. We will be looking at addition and subtraction with numbers up to 20. The children will also become familiar with place value numbers up to 50.
<b>Science</b>	In Spring 1, the children will learn that there are four seasons, the names for these seasons and that there are differences between them. We will be thinking about the different clothes we wear in each season, why the length of day light in each season is different, and also how some animals behaviour patterns are different in each season.  In Spring 2, the children will be learning about plants. We will observe a plant growing from a seed, name the basic parts of a plant and learn about different types of plants including flowering, fruit, vegetable and trees.
<b>RE</b>	This term the children will be learning about Judaism and investigating two questions: What makes Judaism special? What do Jews celebrate?
<b>Computing</b>	The children will be learning about early programming concepts this term. In Spring 1, Our topic is called 'Moving a Robot'. This includes setting individual commands and a sequence of commands for a robot (Beebot). In Spring 2, the children will continue exploring programming concepts and develop skills around algorithms. This is called 'Programming Animations'. They will use the Scratch Jnr app on I-Pads for this.
<b>PSHE</b>	We will continue to have regular circle times and opportunities to discuss worries and answer questions. We will be following the Cambridgeshire Scheme for PHSE with these units; Diversity and Community in Spring 1 and Healthier and Safer lifestyles in Spring 2.
<b>Art and DT</b>	In Spring 1, the children will be learning about the abstract artist Piet Mondrian. We will look at the three primary colours (blue, red, yellow) and how we can use these to create geometric pieces of art. In Spring 2, the children will be researching how vehicles move, and using this to plan and make a bus with wheels and axles.
<b>History and Geography</b>	In Spring 1, the children will be learning about the UK including: the four different countries, their capital cities, the surrounding seas and oceans and famous landmarks. In Spring 2, our focus will be transport. The children will learn about famous people in history linked to our topic, including; Elijah McCoy and Amelia Earheart.

<b>Music</b>	This Spring term, in music, we will be doing a composer study on Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. Children will learn about the instruments used to represent the characters of the story. Children will also be developing their composition skills by creating their own body percussion pattern and performing it.
<b>PE</b>	In P.E we will be continuing to focus on the fundamentals of movement and building our skills of agility, balance and coordination. We will start the term with our Dance unit about weather and then we will learn about gymnastics in the second half of the term.

### **Home learning**

Thank you for all your help and support with completing home learning tasks in the autumn term, we have been so impressed with the quality of work that has been handed in. We will continue to set home learning tasks on the dates given below for children to complete in their home learning books.

<b>Date out</b>	<b>Due in</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025

Please remember to contact your child's class teacher if you have any difficulties or questions about the home learning tasks.

### **Reading**

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. The ideal is between 4 - 7 times per week. The children will continue to progress through the ELS phonic sets. The children will be able to change their books on a **Tuesday and Friday** each week, they must remember to bring in their book on these days if it is finished.

We will also be sending a reading for pleasure book home on a **Friday**. The children will be able to pick any book from our selection box to take home. These are not matched to the child's level and are intended for you to look at together, simply to encourage a love of books. Please remember to return this book on a Friday so that it can be swapped.

### **Reading Diaries**

Please complete the reading diaries each time you read with your child. When your child reads 4 or more times in a week, they will earn a stamp. You only need to record the minimum 4 reads per week even if they have read 6-7 to allow **only one page per week**. When 10, 20, 30 or 40 stamps have been earned your child will be given a reading certificate (and a medal for 30 reads for our gold award). Reading diaries must be brought into school every **Tuesday** so they can be checked. Please make notes in the reading records if the books given have been too easy/hard.

### **Parent Helpers**

Thank you so much for your continued support which has allowed us to do some brilliant activities such as our village walk and our Great Fire of London day.

If you can help regularly, we would love more parent helpers to listen to the children read. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help.

## PE days/kits

1 Willow- Monday and Wednesday

1 Maple- Wednesday and Thursday

1 Beech- Wednesday and Thursday

Children must come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

PE Kit:

- plain white or blue t-shirt
- black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts
- navy/black sweatshirt (School jumper)
- trainers and socks

Please remove earrings at home and tie up long hair. Any child who cannot remove their studs will not be able to join in with PE and will be given another activity to do.

Please note that hoodies cannot be worn to do PE and must be removed, hence why they are not part of our PE uniform.

## Year 1 timetable

A typical week in Year 1 will look like the timetable below, however each class will do the afternoon subjects on different days to allow enough resources such as computers.

15:10	Home time					
14:50-15:05	Afternoon Play					
14:25-14:40	Story time					
13:45-14:25	Science					
13:30-13:45	Computing					
12:30-13:30	Topic					
11:12	PE					
10:45-11:12	Art/DT					
10:15-10:45	Guided Reading					
10:15-10:45	English					
10:15-10:45	English					
10:15-10:45	PPA Music					
10:15-10:45	English					
10:15-10:45	English					
9:30-10:15	Maths					
9:30-10:15	Maths					
9:30-10:15	PPA PE					
9:30-10:15	Maths					
9:30-10:15	Maths					
8:55-9:10	Phonics					
8:55-9:10	Whole School Assembly					
8:40-8:55	assembly					
8:40-8:55	KSI Assembly					
8:40-8:55	Singing/E-safety					
8:40-8:55	Celebration Assembly					
	Registration					
	Doors Open and Soda activity					
	Monday					
	Tuesday					
	Wednesday					
	Thursday					
	Friday					

## Important dates

Inset day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Open afternoon	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Parent consultations	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Half term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Book fair	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
World book day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Red nose day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Last day of term	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April

## Contacting your child's class teacher

If you have a message for your child's class teacher then please email the **school office** and they will pass the message on; [office@brampton.camb.sch.uk](mailto:office@brampton.camb.sch.uk)

**A few reminders:**

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1W wear PE kit to school</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading diary</li><li>• Phonic book (if finished)</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All classes wear PE kit to school</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1B &amp; 1M wear PE kit to school</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phonic Book (if finished)</li><li>• Reading for pleasure book</li></ul>

Children need to have a **named** water bottle in school **every day**.

Please remember to **name all items** of clothing worn to school, especially removable items such as jumpers, cardigans and shoes so that they can easily be returned to their rightful owners. Unnamed items that have not been claimed by the children will not be kept.

Thank you for your support and co-operation,  
Miss Lague, Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Thompson and Ms Olive