



11 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you all a happy new year and welcome you back to another exciting term at Eltham Church of England Primary School. This letter outlines the different focuses throughout the curriculum for the Spring Term for Year 1, as well as some reminders of the arrangements for other aspects of school life.

Year 1		
	Spring 1	Spring 2
Core Reading Text	Katie in London/Katie in Scotland	Katie in London/Katie in Scotland
Creative Curriculum Focus	The Great Fire of London	The Great Fire of London
Science	Identifying Plants	Seasonal Changes
R.E	Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?	How do Easter symbols help us to the meaning of Easter?

Home Learning – Homework will continue to be set reflecting the children’s current maths topic. This will be either set into the CGP books or in the form of a worksheet.

We will also continue with an additional piece of homework which may be based around their learning that week in Literacy, Science, Topic or RE.

Homework will continue to be set each Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. Where possible, homework will be marked by the teacher and returned to children the following week. In order for this to happen, homework will need to be handed in by the Wednesday of the following week. This gives the teacher’s time to mark any homework the children have completed. It would really benefit your child’s progress if you were to spend a few minutes going through their work with them and helping them to achieve their best. If an issue arises so that your child is unable to complete their homework, please let the class teacher know as soon as possible so that we can try and resolve the issue.

Spellings – Children will be given 10 spellings a week, which may be differentiated according to their ability and may focus on a particular spelling rule. If you feel your child would benefit from fewer spellings, please speak to your child’s class teacher. Please encourage your children to learn these spellings. The expectations of the curriculum are notably more challenging in this particular area so although teachers will revisit the weekly spellings a number of times in class each week, support from home is essential too. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. We will also be teaching phonics or spelling on a daily basis as part of the curriculum.

Reading - Reading provides children with models for writing, ideas, vocabulary and also helps to develop their creativity through their imagination. Therefore it is really important your child reads regularly. It is expected that the children will read daily for about 10 minutes. If your child has read at home, please note down what they read in their journal with a signature and class teachers will check these weekly- thank you.

We would also appreciate it if you could ensure all school books are returned when finished so another child can enjoy them.

P.E – Children have two PE sessions a week, one outdoors and one indoors. Please can you ensure all items of uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**, including shoes and bags. This makes returning lost items to their owner much easier and quicker. Please can you ensure your child has tracksuit bottoms which are to be worn during our outdoor PE sessions during these colder months.

Trips - We are hoping to continue to welcome educational visitors and go on a range of exciting trips in the forthcoming Spring and Summer terms in order to enhance the children's learning. We will send out letters in advance of any trips. Trips are a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience new things and learn outside the classroom and we would like to thank you for your support with our visit to Mudchute Farm. We rely on your contributions to make sure that trips can go ahead; we would appreciate your continued support in helping to ensure this can continue.

Regrettably, if insufficient parental contributions are returned, the school will have to cancel planned trips/events as funding restrictions no longer allow for shortfalls to be off-set from central funds. We are always grateful for the offers from parents/carers to accompany trips. We will try to ensure that parents are given at least one opportunity to accompany their child on a school trip.

We very much look forward to another fantastic term and thank you for all of your continued support.

With Regards

Miss Donnelly, Bek Class Teacher & KS1 Phase Leader

Mrs Simpson, Mills Class Teacher

