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Friday 7th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Overleaf you'll find a theme overview of learning for the second half of the Summer Term. Our main theme is 'The Lighthouse' and we will be learning about safety at sea, including the story of *Grace Darling*. Our SEAL (*Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning*) theme for PSHE (*Personal, Social, Health and Economic education*) is 'Changes' and we shall also be having a lesson on 'Relationships and Sex Education'. In year 1 RSE is concerned with hygiene, families and how we have changed since we were babies. If you would like any further information about this please speak to Mrs Mathews or Mrs Edmonds. **Please send an unframed, named photo of your child as a baby or toddler under 2 years old ASAP or by Monday 10th June.** Thank you.

Our PE day is timetabled for Wednesday, although we do ask that kits are in bags on pegs in school from Monday to Friday for outdoor PE opportunities. All PE kit and clothes need to be named. We also ask that your child has a water bottle at school every day and a sun hat for outdoor activities.

For PPA cover time our class will be enjoying curriculum enrichment activities. PPA will be on Thursday afternoons. The children will be working in groups for cooking, computing, craft, art, design & technology and library skills.

Book bags need to be in school every day, but please hand any notes/money to the office or class staff as bags might not be checked daily. They contain a home individual reading book at a largely independent fluency level, although other books and texts will be read in guided reading or book talk sessions, daily phonics and English too. We ask that children have the chance to read daily to someone at home and that you note reading and sign in the comments book. If book bags are left in the changing box, staff will do their best to change books daily. We keep a record of reading done at home and practising reading at home brings faster progress through the book band levels. Bug Club use is automatically recorded.

Our library sessions are on Thursdays, when children can choose their own book for home. Please can books be in bags every Thursday, although library time may sometimes be fortnightly for changing books. Spellings will usually be given weekly for learning and practising at home each Monday. We aim to check these every Friday in a test. You can check previous scores on each new spelling list. We don't need you to return the spelling list but to use it for practising each evening or morning to embed the spelling patterns and tricky words, ready for the test on Friday.

Our maths homework 'challenge' books will need to be handed in by Thursday please. We also encourage you to support your child to learn their times tables. Our Year 1 target is the two, five and ten times tables, initially counting in multiples of those numbers but then reciting times tables, answering tables questions and using them to solve problems.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The 1AM Team: Mrs Angie Mathews and Mrs Shelley Tilling

The 1CE Team: Mrs Carolyn Edmonds and Mrs Cheryl Cade

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