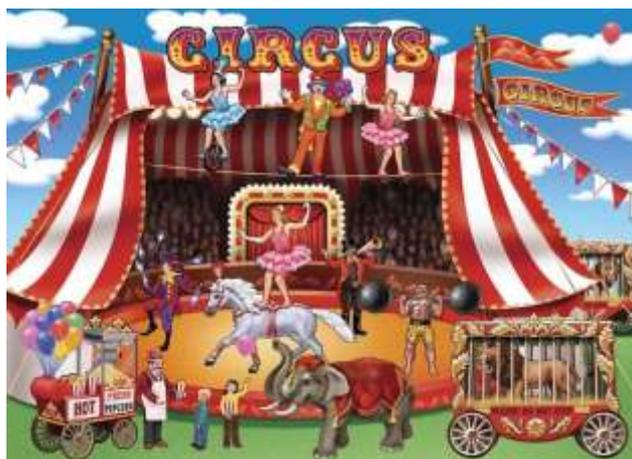


Dear Parents/Carers

I am excited to reveal that our first topic in Year 1 will be 'The Circus is Coming to Town'. We will be looking at the different aspects of a circus and how it has changed over the years. Through a variety of different activities children will gain knowledge about the local area and compare it to other places.

Homework will be set in the form of a 'take-away' menu so the children can choose which piece they would like to complete, with one piece being submitted each week or the end of every term. In year 1, we will concentrate on developing place value skills and starting to understand the four operations. It is also expected that all children read with an adult at least 3 times a week.

Below I will briefly outline what will be covered in the different subjects over the course of the term and suggest some ways in which the children could be supported.



Subject	Overview	Possible support
English	During this term, we will look at a range of texts including narratives, non-fiction and poetry writing. This will support our overall topic, as we concentrate on fairy tales and understanding the circus and how it has changed over the years. It will help inspire and indulge us with a variety of knowledge about the circus and the celebrations in the Autumn term.	All forms of reading will be useful for the children's progression with regards to English and all types of written work. This could be either independent or with an adult. When producing written homework, the focus this term is developing phonetic sounds and words for children to develop their understanding.
Maths	This term focuses on the children's understanding and manipulation of number. We will begin by looking at place value before moving onto the four operations.	This term it is vital that the children become fluent in their understanding of number. Continuous practise of place value looking at number bonds and understanding addition and subtraction. There are many online resources to support this, www.topmarks.co.uk is a favourite of the children. Also, MyMaths can be used in school and at home, with weekly homework set.
Science	In science, we will be looking at everyday materials and focusing on the properties. We will then be moving on to the different types of animals looking at similarities and differences.	Any basic knowledge of animals and materials will be useful for the children and prepare them for further study at school. As always, we will use the testing process of developing a question, prediction, testing and evaluating. Any real-life application of these skills will help the children to gain confidence.

<p>Geography</p>	<p>In geography, we will develop an understanding of place and locational knowledge. The children will be identifying how different places and understanding how places can be linked together.</p>	<p>Children should be confident with their local and surrounding area within this term. The children will find any further knowledge of their surroundings will help them in school activities.</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>Following with our topic, children will be looking at different activities within the circus. We will be using our acrobatic skills.</p>	<p>Any sort of participation in sports clubs, either in or out of school, would be very useful for the children.</p> <p>Physical exercise is extremely important for our well-being and is beneficial for the children's development regardless of the form it takes.</p>
<p>ICT</p>	<p>In ICT, the children will be working both independently and collaboratively to create presentations, videos and using different apps on the IPADs. It is important that children develop skills using a range of electronic devices in a safe manner.</p>	<p>There are a range of coding programs which are aimed at children which would help to develop their skills.</p> <p>E-safety is highly important in the modern world and any advice that the children receive is of great use and will help keep them safe online.</p>

I am very excited about this new school year, especially getting to know and work with all the children.

It is going to be a term of twists and twirls for all of us!

Kindest regards,

Miss Dean-Turner