

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter holiday; I hope you all enjoyed the break. Let's hope the Summer term brings some warm and sunny weather to spur on the children's learning!

Our Learning

This term our class topic is **World Kitchen**.

As **geographers** we will be studying a locality in the world, Costa Rica, which is where our snack bananas come from. We will be looking at maps of the world, learning to name the continents, major countries and oceans. We will be finding out where some of our favourite foods come from and learning how these foods are transported to this country. We will also find out about the climate of some of the places our food comes from.

As **designers** we will taste different types of bread and fruit. We will learn how to prepare food safely and hygienically by making fruit salad, fruit kebabs and fruit smoothies. We will give our foods the 'taste test' to see if they could be improved.

As **artists** we will be studying the shape, colour and patterns of fruit and vegetables so that we can use our images to advertise food products.

In **Science** are topics are On Safari and Holidays.

As **story tellers and writers** we will continue with our story telling learning how to tell stories to each other in a variety of ways and how to use these skills to enhance our writing. This term our story telling will focus on The Little Red Hen and The Magic Porridge Pot.

During **mathematics** we will be embedding the skills of adding, subtracting and place value as well as learning about measurement, fractions, shape and position, direction and time.

In **Discovery RE** our enquiry will be 'Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?' and 'Does celebrating Chanukah make Jewish children feel closer to God?'

PE lessons will remain on a Monday afternoon and Friday morning.

To enhance our topic work we will be holding a world kitchen picnic; more details on location and date to follow. Our class assembly will be on Wednesday 15th of June at 3pm; all Year 1 parents and carers are welcome to attend and share in celebrating the children's learning.

The whole school is focusing on handwriting this term so each morning the children will now do 10 minutes handwriting instead of fit in five. The class are also having a second phonics session in the afternoon to prepare them for the Year 1 Phonics screening assessment in June.

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning please arrange a time with me so that we can discuss your concerns together. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Rowland and the Year 1 Team