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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic half term. We are very excited to start our new topic about "Explorers" We will explore this theme through a range of activities and discussions.

Please read with your child every night and write a comment in their books. Children who read every night will go into a monthly draw to win a trip to the book shop! In Year 1 the children will be asked to complete homework each week. Please support your child by helping them to complete this. In Reception the children have phonics tins. Please take time to help them learn the letters and sound out and blend the words.

"Show and Tell" is every Friday and we ask that toys are kept at home all other days.

**Please ensure all clothing is named so that we can ensure each child has the correct clothing.**

Thank you for your support!

### Literacy

The children will continue their Phonics work this half term which will include listening games, songs and activities. We will continue to provide opportunities for purposeful mark making within the areas. UFS children will be sounding out and writing CVC words as well as writing short sentences and captions. Year 1 children will continue to develop their writing by writing short sentences independently, using their phonic knowledge to sound out words. We will also be using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces correctly.

Through our Literacy activities, all children will have daily opportunities for listening to stories, talking about characters, sequencing stories and making predictions about stories. This half term we will be reading a range of books including "We're going on a bear hunt" and a variety of books about Captain Cook. We will also be reading poems and identifying rhyming words,

# CHALONER PRIMARY

## YR/1-Mrs Burley's class

This half term's topic is: Explorers



### Maths

In our maths lessons, children will learn to count and recognise numerals, as well as adding and subtracting. We will begin to tell the time and look at the different coins we use.



### PE

Our weekly PE sessions will focus on balancing, throwing and catching. **Please remember to send in a named PE kit.** These can be kept at school for the term. Outside UFS will continue to learn a range of throwing and catching skills.

Smaller motor activities will include a range of daily activities that will develop our fingers and get us ready for writing! Our climbing frame outside is also developing confidence, strength and balance on this equipment.

PE days are: Monday and Friday.

**PSED** In Personal, Social and Emotional Development sessions, we will focus on sharing, taking turns, playing well together and looking after ourselves. We will also be discussing the consequences of our actions.

### Geography

We will be practicing giving directions to 'beebot' to help him reach a specific destination.

### Science

We will find out about different materials and what they are used for. We will also be learning about the life cycle of a chick.

### ICT

UFS will have opportunities to use a variety of different programs to enhance their learning. Year 1 will be learning how to log on to the computers independently and will develop their typing skills.

### Food Technology Money

We ask for a contribution of **£1 each half term**. This helps us to provide children with the resources and equipment needed for this important area of the curriculum. **Unfortunately without your donations we will not be able to make, bake and taste.**

This half term we are planning to bake bread and make pancakes.

### Art and Design:

This half term we will be creating finger puppets.



24th April: School re-opens

1st May: Bank holiday

5th May: Activity hour 2-3

24th May: Family Day

26th May: School closes

5th June: School reopens