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Year 1 Autumn term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Year 1. What a great start the children have already made, settling in quickly to their classrooms and adapting to a new timetable. They already look happy and busy! Our theme this term is **Home** and, so far as is possible, the different subjects will link back to this theme. You may have noticed that one of your child's favourite things to do is talk about themselves! Coming a very close second is talking about their home lives. We harness this very natural interest and use it as a springboard to study the core knowledge outlined in the National Curriculum and much more. This approach allows us to follow your children's interests and develop exciting, stimulating lessons to deepen children's knowledge, understanding and skills. On the back of this letter we have outlined in more detail what we will be learning about in each subject.

We do not set specific homework in Year 1. We would however like you to aim to read with or to your child every day; if you would like any guidance about how best to do this then please do ask us and we will happily help. We will give you a list of words that your child will need to familiarise themselves with to best support their reading and writing. Point them out to your children during your reading, stick them around your home, pretend to be hopeless at spelling and have them check your spellings! Next week look out for a letter detailing how best to support your child's mathematical thinking at home. To support learning around our topic, have a chat to your child about what you remember about your childhood home; how was it different or similar to theirs? Was your home in a city or the countryside?

We will share more details about this year and answer your questions at our Curriculum Meeting on **Monday 13th September at 10am**. Please use the following Zoom details to access this meeting: Meeting ID: 949 2008 0509 Passcode: rqhM27

If you have any questions or need to arrange to speak with one of us, please use the Year 1 email to arrange this: Year1@brookfield.camden.sch.uk

Best wishes,
Amy & Jo

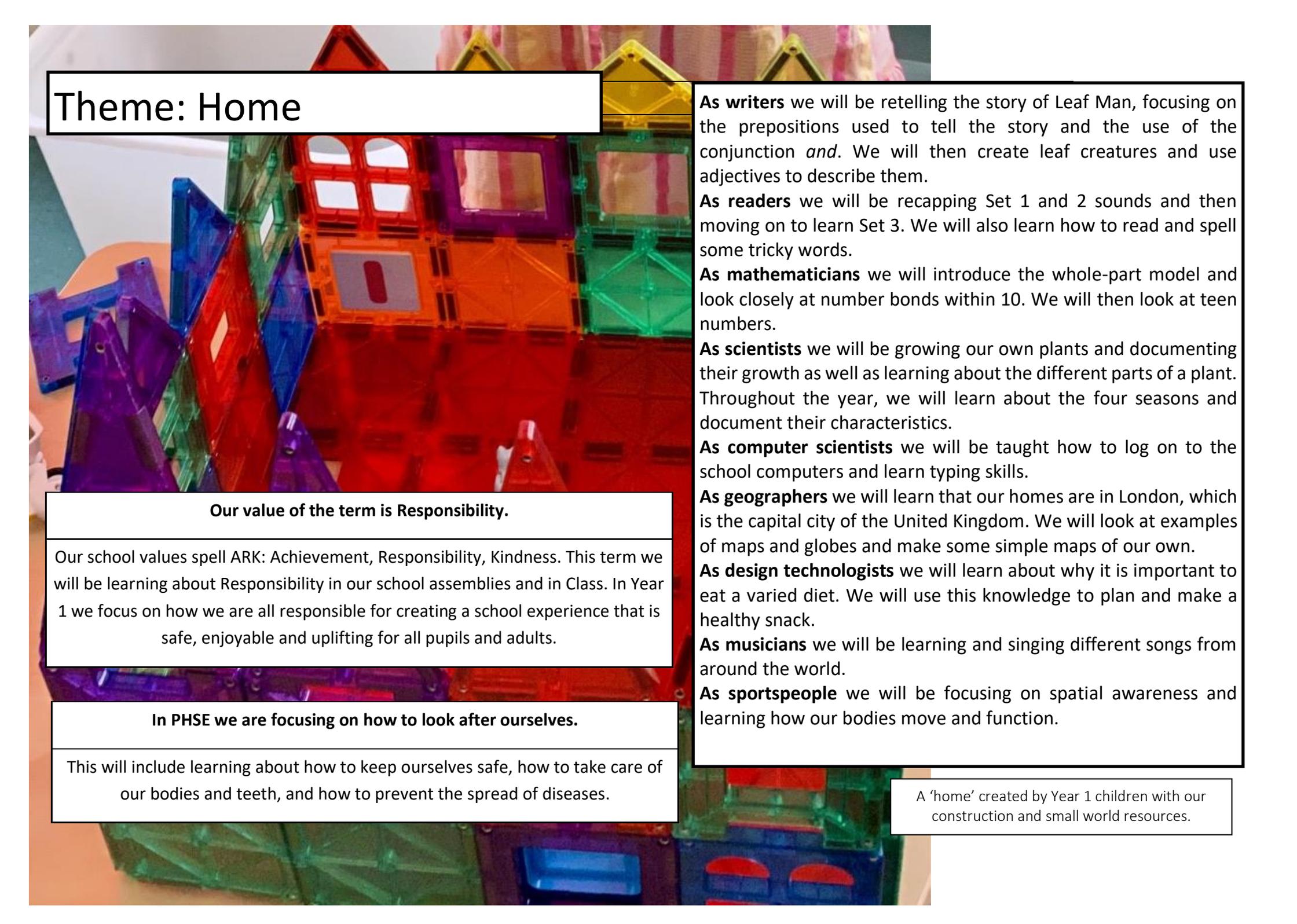
Key dates for your diary:

Monday 13th September 10am Year 1 Curriculum Meeting
Thursday 23rd September 9am Parents/carers Maths Workshop
Friday 1st October 9am Early Years and Y1 coffee morning
Thursday 7th October 1.30pm Open Afternoon
Friday 8th October INSET day
Half term week beginning 25th October

Weekly schedule:

Monday: Bluebell reading diaries checked, PE
Tuesday: Daisy reading diaries checked
Wednesday:
Thursday: Bluebell reading diaries checked, PE
Friday: Daisy reading diaries checked

NB: Children may change reading books more frequently if they wish to.



Theme: Home

Our value of the term is Responsibility.

Our school values spell ARK: Achievement, Responsibility, Kindness. This term we will be learning about Responsibility in our school assemblies and in Class. In Year 1 we focus on how we are all responsible for creating a school experience that is safe, enjoyable and uplifting for all pupils and adults.

In PHSE we are focusing on how to look after ourselves.

This will include learning about how to keep ourselves safe, how to take care of our bodies and teeth, and how to prevent the spread of diseases.

As writers we will be retelling the story of Leaf Man, focusing on the prepositions used to tell the story and the use of the conjunction *and*. We will then create leaf creatures and use adjectives to describe them.

As readers we will be recapping Set 1 and 2 sounds and then moving on to learn Set 3. We will also learn how to read and spell some tricky words.

As mathematicians we will introduce the whole-part model and look closely at number bonds within 10. We will then look at teen numbers.

As scientists we will be growing our own plants and documenting their growth as well as learning about the different parts of a plant. Throughout the year, we will learn about the four seasons and document their characteristics.

As computer scientists we will be taught how to log on to the school computers and learn typing skills.

As geographers we will learn that our homes are in London, which is the capital city of the United Kingdom. We will look at examples of maps and globes and make some simple maps of our own.

As design technologists we will learn about why it is important to eat a varied diet. We will use this knowledge to plan and make a healthy snack.

As musicians we will be learning and singing different songs from around the world.

As sportspeople we will be focusing on spatial awareness and learning how our bodies move and function.

A 'home' created by Year 1 children with our construction and small world resources.