

# CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 1 - Summer 1



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## Exwick Heights Primary School

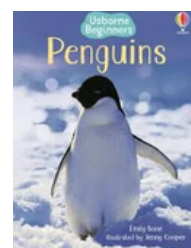
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Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 1 pupils,

In **English**, Year 1 will be writing an information report linked to their Science topic on animals. They will be using the text about Penguins as a starting point and will focus on technical words and the layout of a report whilst still focusing on handwriting and punctuation. We will also be writing mini-essays based on Significant Sports Stars.



**Supporting learning at home:** please encourage your child to complete any English tasks set through 'Doodle English'. Please provide opportunities for your child to practise their handwriting at home. Information about the phonics your child is learning will be included in their weekly home learning; please encourage your child to practise this when doing any handwriting.



Each week, the children take part in three **reading** practise sessions where they develop their **decoding, fluency and comprehension** skills in reading a book matched to their phonic knowledge. Any reading that can be done at home is invaluable and will greatly support your child's reading and vocabulary development.

**Supporting learning at home:** please continue to support your child by reading with them at least 15 minutes every day, particularly focusing on their Little Wandle book, which they should be able to read fluently.

In **Mathematics**, we will be starting a brand new area of learning - **multiplication**. The children will begin to explore the concept of multiplication through grouping (making equal groups) and sharing (sharing equally between groups). Following multiplication, the children will learn about **fractions** and what makes a whole.



**Supporting learning at home:** please help your child to master counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. This is an important skill that will be used throughout the key stages. Please encourage your child to complete the activities set on 'Doodle Maths'. They can also do the extra 5-a-day questions to boost their knowledge.



In **Science**, the children will be starting a new topic on **Animals including Humans**. They will take their first steps in to understanding classification through grouping animals according to different characteristics. They will learn to identify and name different carnivores, herbivores and omnivores as well as being able to compare and label their features. Finally, the children will learn to identify, name, draw and label basic parts of the human body, relating them to the five senses.

**Supporting learning at home:** please discuss what your child has learned, this consolidation really helps them remember and recall facts. Research animals or take out books from the Exeter library.

In **History**, the children will be starting their new topic **Significant Sports Stars**. They will learn about the history of the Olympics and draw comparisons between ancient and modern versions of the games. Additionally, they will be introduced to a number of prolific stars in sporting history, learning about their achievements, impact and Olympic spirit.



**Supporting learning at home:** why not discuss your favourite sporting star and discover their rise to sporting fame together?

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In **Art**, the children will be introduced to paper-based 3D art forms, focusing on techniques like rolling paper tubes, shaping paper strips and constructing imaginative sculptures. Each week, the children will practise different techniques before consolidating their learning in one final showcase piece.

**Supporting learning at home:** please do share any photos of artwork the children complete at home!

In **PE** this half term, we will be starting two new units **Hit, Catch, Run** and **Attack and Defend**. In the first unit, the children will be taught how to hit and catch a ball over a short distance, hit a ball with power and field a base as part of a team game. In the second unit, the children learn how to defend a goal, bounce a ball with control and aim at different targets.



**Supporting learning at home:** practising basic ball skills with your child at home will greatly support their coordination and control in PE lessons.



Our **PSHE** topic this half term is **Relationships**. The children will begin by identifying the different members of their family and will understand that there are lots of different types of families. They will learn about the qualities of a good friend and also how to demonstrate appreciation for those who are special to them.

**Supporting learning at home:** please share with your child what qualities you need in a friend.

In **RE**, we will loop back to learning about Christianity and the Creation Story. We will be reading different versions of the story and learning about Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden. We will think about what this story tells us about God and how we can take care of our wonderful world.



**Supporting learning at home:** please talk to your child about different creation stories. Read stories from the Bible together.



In **Computing**, we will learn more about internet safety. In lessons, we will be exploring **digital writing**. We will be developing our keyboard and typing skills. We will learn how to change the size, colour and font of text.



**Supporting Learning at home:** try some online typing games or just practise typing out the alphabet in lower case and capitals.

Home Learning: All 'core' home learning and reading records will be checked on a Friday with time scheduled in the day to share and celebrate any 'Curiosity' tasks completed.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher directly or email [admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk); your query will be passed to them. If you have any concerns or want to bring something to our attention, please do contact the Year Group Lead - Miss Haswell

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