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Dear Parents and Carers,

### 2023 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter for Palmer Class

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Shoreham Village School.

We hope you have all had a restful holiday and are looking forward to a new school year. We ask that reading records are handed into school each day so that they can be used as a means of communication with your child's class teacher. Please can I ask that you are reading with your child every day for around 10-20 minutes. Reading records will be checked daily, as they also provide a valuable link between home and school. When a child has read 100 times with accompanying signatures, they will be awarded a book of their choice.

Homework will be set on the school website on Palmer class page on a **Friday** and homework books will be collected in on a **Wednesday**. Spellings will also be on the class page on a Friday and tested on the following Friday. Children can choose to practice mild or spicy words. At the front of your child's homework book are a list of common exception words, it would be helpful if your child could be practicing these. It may not always be possible for your child to complete all of the homework set, but please encourage your child to finish what they are capable of, and then spend some time reading for 10 to 20 minutes **each day**. It is important that the children get into a routine of reading instructions and questions for themselves and to have a good attempt at the work set. A relaxed discussion with your child about work that they are stuck on can often be beneficial, providing your child does not feel under pressure. Please continue to use our Matheletics and Purple Mash program at home as well, logins will be stuck into the reading records.

PE will be on a Monday and Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE kit into school, which they will then wear throughout the day.

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle, we are a healthy school so only water is permitted in their water bottles. It would be helpful if their jumpers, hats etc are named as well. Fruit is provided free of charge for all pupils, **however if children bring their own snack please could you ensure that it is a healthy one.**

I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Yours sincerely

Miss Krista Watts  
Palmer Class Teacher

Mrs Gillian Lovatt-Young  
Headteacher



## Year 1/2 Autumn Term 2023 Curriculum Map

<b>Maths</b>	<b>Place Value</b> - ordering numbers and understanding their value. <b>Addition and subtraction</b> - Understanding the addition and subtraction symbols and using methods to help us with our number problems.
<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Handwriting</b> - forming letters in the correct direction and on the line. <b>Sentence structure and punctuation</b> - understanding the structure of a sentence and using the correct punctuation consistently. <b>Non – Fiction: recount</b> (looking at chronological order and time connectives such as then and next), <b>fact files</b> (using factual sentences that we have research from a source.) <b>Fiction – diaries</b> (looking at emotions and emotive adjectives, using past tense correctly), <b>newspaper articles</b> (looking at features of different genres and how that will change the structure of our writing) <b>Spelling patterns, 200 high frequency word list and grammar.</b> We will be looking at nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs, simple suffixes and conjunctions. The year 1 and 2 common exceptions words in in the children’s homework book for you to practice with them.
<b>Science</b>	<b>Materials</b> - this term we will be looking at the features of different materials. We will observe and explore what materials objects are made of and understand why that material is best for the purpose. We will also complete the egg drop experiment, making a safety box using different materials, dropping the egg and discussing the results.
<b>ICT</b>	<b>Online Safety and effective searching</b> - this term we will be teach children how to be safe online. Explaining the use of logins and passwords and discussing why they are important. We will also learn how to safely and effectively search the internet.
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Oceans and Seas</b> - the children will be learning about the 5 oceans and the seas. They will learn to locate these and know the difference between these oceans. They will also learn about the layers of the ocean and the animals that live there.
<b>RE and PSHCE</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing</b> <b>What do Christians believe that God is like?</b>
<b>Art and Design Technology</b>	<b>Drawing</b> - this term in art we will be looking at drawing. We will observe and draw different kinds of lines and discuss when we would use them. We will be looking at the art of famous line artists such as Boris Schmitz and Paul Klee. We will also be drawing graphic designs in the style of Jon Burgerman.
<b>French</b>	<b>Greetings</b> - During this half term children will learn basic greetings and put these into a song.
<b>Music</b>	<b>Listen and Appraise</b> - We will be listening to and discussing the importance of pulse in music and having a go at making our own pulse. We will be looking at long and short sounds and creating music with our bodies and instruments.
<b>PE</b>	<b>Dance</b> - in dance we will be exploring stories and role play to create a simple dance. <b>Sports skills, football and fitness</b> - this term we will use a range of games to develop attack and defending skills.