



# Year 1 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter



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## Welcome

The children have started to settle and adjust to Year 1 very well. They enjoyed reading 'Where the Wild Things are' on the first day back and have been working hard to learn the routines and expectations of KS1.

This letter gives you an overview of what to expect from the Autumn term, including details of the curriculum.

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**Year 1 team**

## Foundation Subjects

**Humanities** - Children will learn about toys from the past and will be comparing them to the toys that they have at home.

**Science** - Children will learn about materials and their properties. They will have the opportunity to do lots of practical science.

**Art** - Children will begin by exploring mark making with a range of dry media. They will learn how to create light and dark marks to produce hatching/cross hatching. Then they will understand tone and how it is used in Art. Children will learn to control how to smudge and blend chalk and charcoal. Children will produce an observational drawing based on toys from the past, using the skills they have learnt.

**RE and Philosophy** - In R.E we are investigating the Big Question: What does it mean to belong to a faith community? This will include discussions around religious celebrations.

**Music** - Children will learn to sing songs and listen to music about toys. Children will learn about rhythm, pitch, tempo and dynamics when singing and playing instruments.

**Computing** - Pupils will be taught to input simple instructions in programs.

## PE

**Our PE day is Monday** -Ball Skills and Games. Children will learn how to control a ball using different parts of the body and develop them into games.

## Mathematics

In Maths No Problem lessons we will be developing our mathematical skills, reasoning and problem solving through the topics of:

**In the first half term:** Counting, Number Formation, Addition and Subtraction

**In the second half term:** Number bonds, Halving, Multiplication and Division.

In Arithmetic lessons, we will start to learn our number bonds to 5 and then 10.

We will also be practising counting in 10s and 2s.

**How can Parent/Carers help?**

Practise rapid recall of number bonds to 5 and 10.

## English, Grammar and Spelling

We will retell short stories, write poems, instructions and information texts.

The skills we will develop are:

- Accurately writing simple sentences.
- Using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Applying spelling rules to our writing.

In spelling, we will start to learn different spelling rules and common exception words.

Reading will focus on decoding words and understanding of the text.

**How can parent/Carers help?**

Encourage your child to read and write at home.

## PSHE

In the first half term, we will be learning about 'Feelings and Emotions'. In the second half term, we will focus on 'Healthy Choices'.

## Homework and Reading

Our homework is given out on a Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday.

We expect children to read:

3 times a week = Bronze, 4 times a week = Silver and 5 times a week = Gold