

Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term – 2022/23

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Welcome

It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school. They have settled in well to Year 1 and they have shown enthusiasm towards their learning. The children have been working hard to learn the routines and expectations of KS1. We have been very impressed with how hard the children have worked this week and we are really looking forward to teaching them this year.

This letter gives you an overview of what to expect from the Autumn term, including details of the curriculum. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the Year 1 teachers.

Miss Skidmore, Miss Allison and Mrs Corbett

English

In English this term, we will retell short stories, write poems, instructions and information texts. The main skills we will develop are:

- Writing full sentences
- Using capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks
- Joining sentences using 'and' or 'because'
- Using taught spelling rules correctly

In spelling lessons, we will learn the Year 1 spelling rules and many high frequency words.

We will have regular Read, Write Inc phonic and comprehension lessons. We will learn the sounds letters make and learn to blend them together to read words. We will also develop our ability to understand what we have read.

How can parent/Carers help?

Please encourage your child to read at least five times a week. This will help them get ready for the Phonics Screening Check which is in June.

Mathematics

This term in Maths lessons, we will be learning about:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Geometry (shapes)

We will be developing our reasoning and problem solving skills through each of the topics.

In Arithmetic, we will recap and practice topics learnt in Maths lessons so we are retrieving and practising prior learning.

How can Parent/Carers help?

You could ask your child to practise counting, rapid recall of number bonds (two numbers that add together to make another number), recognising and counting coins, telling the time to the hour and half past and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

Foundation Subjects

Geography - We will be learning basic map skills. We will be reading maps and drawing our own maps of the school and the local area. We will also learn about human and physical features of our local area.

History - We will learn about how transport has changed over time.

Science - We will learn about materials and their properties. We will have the opportunity to do lots of practical investigations using various materials.

Art - The children will be exploring different media and finding different ways to various produce mark making in their work. They will begin working in sketchbooks and learn how to use them to record, experiment and reflect on the work they create. They will move onto a Design + Technology unit where they will learn all about the mechanisms in a car and build their own!

RE and Philosophy - In R.E, we are exploring the question: 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?'

Computing - This term the pupils will be studying Digital Literacy. As part of this unit pupils will learn how to use technology safely and kindly.

Relationships and Health Education

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

PE

1Beta and 1Delta will have PE on Mondays and Fridays. 1Gamma will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. The children will learn how to throw and catch and they will do team Building games and work on their agility.

Homework and Reading

It is the expectation that our children read at home at least 5 times per week. Please sign your child's diary each time they read. The children are able to change their books each day if needed. In addition to a levelled reading book, the children will receive a RWInc book from their RWI teacher. This will be changed every Monday and must be returned to receive a new book the following Monday.

Homework is given out on a Thursday and should be returned by the following Thursday. You may keep homework once it has been marked. Spelling words to practise will be given out with the homework each week. The Spelling tests will be on the following Friday so the children will have a week to practise the words at home. Thank you for your support.