



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have all had a fun filled summer holidays. Please find below a summary of Year 1's main learning areas for this term along with some general reminders.

English

The children's learning this term will be focussed around the text 'Lost and Found'. Much of the focus for the term will be around constructing simple sentences as well as the use of full stops and capital letters in the correct place in a sentence. This will form an important foundation to build upon for the rest of the year and will support their learning as they move through the school. The children will have the opportunity to fully engross themselves in the text through a range of creative and role-play based lessons to support their understanding of the text.

Maths

Much of the term's maths will be focussed on two key areas: Place Value as well as Addition and Subtraction. These two units will form the bulk of the term with topics such as counting, comparing and ordering numbers being an early focus. Once the children are secure with their understanding of place value, they will move on to some simple addition and subtraction later on in the term. As we move towards Christmas, there will also be time dedicated to shape as a topic; identifying and discussing the properties of these shapes.

Homework

Homework in Year 1 will primarily focus around Phonics and reading. The children will be taking home two phonics books and a reading for pleasure book each week. These will then be changed once a week. It is important to read as often as possible with your child at home, preferably 5 times a week. We will mirror this reading in school too.

When you have read with your child, please write a quick comment so we are aware. Your child's book will only be changed when it has been read 3 times!

P.E.

Year 1 will have PE sessions every **Monday** (outdoors) and **Thursday** (indoors). Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on these days and are prepared for the unpredictable winter weather. PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, black or navy shorts, black or navy joggers and an outdoor jumper (when the weather requires it), outdoor trainers (these must be different shoes to the ones your child wears to school) and a water bottle.

Year 1 will be doing Forest School on Wednesday mornings for the autumn term.

Science

Our Science this term will initially focus on 'The Human Body and Its Senses'. The children will be learning about our 5 main senses and the body parts they are associated with. As we move towards winter, our focus will shift towards thinking about animals and their needs.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, thank you in advance for your continued support.

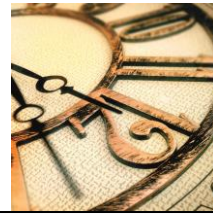
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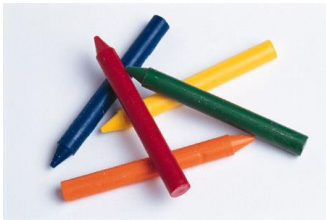
Computing

This term we will be working on our mouse skills in computing. Learning to master the basics such as logging in and how to click and drag, before we move towards more complex learning later in the year.



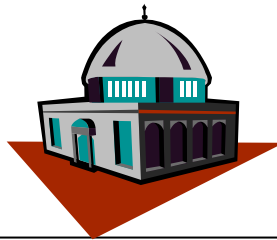
History

In History we will be introducing the children to what history means. What is the past? How do we know about? We will also be discussing some key figures and how we came to learn about them.



Art

Our Art this term will be centred on colour; identifying the primary and secondary colours and how these can be mixed to create different shades.



RE

This term's RE will focus on exploring differing viewpoints on how the world began and how people's views on God differ.



Music

Music will be linked to our science this term; exploring pulse and rhythm linked to our bodies and animals.



Design Technology

DT will begin after half term with a focus on cooking. We will be looking into dips and vegetables with an eye on jam tarts and mince pies.



Geography

This introduces aerial views; the first step in supporting children's conceptual understanding of maps. Building on an understanding of what things look like from an aerial perspective. Children then look at how cartographers (map makers) represent physical (natural) and human (made by people) features of an area on a drawn map.



PSHE

This term, the children will be focussing on 'families and relationships'. We will explore how to build and maintain a friendship.