

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

This term our topic is Wondrous World.

Morning Routine

In Year 1 we will continue to start our day with a Phonics session (this is the approach used to teach children how to read). We do this first thing in the morning after the register so it is imperative that children are in school on time.

Reading

Please remind your children if they need to change their reading books in the morning, they need to place their reading diary and reading book into a box in their classroom. These will be checked by an adult and changed as necessary. Teachers will know if a book has been completed if the parents have written in the reading diaries.

Your child will continue to read individually and in Guided Reading Groups. This will be indicated in their reading diary.

It is important for your child to practise the skills they learn at school and reading at home gives them the opportunity to do this. Practising reading makes a big difference to their progress in reading and writing.

English

This term the children will be reading quest and journey tales in order to compose sentences and write their own story. They will be doing the following:

- saying out loud what they are going to write about
- composing a sentence orally before writing it
- sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense
- discuss what they have written
- read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.



The children will also be reading and writing instructions.

Within their writing they will be continuing to use the following grammar and punctuation:

- To leave spaces between words
- To join words and joining clauses using 'and'
- To punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'

Maths

This term the children will be focusing on these key mathematical skills:

- To count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number.
- To count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of twos, fives and tens
- To read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least .
- To know the time using concrete and pictorial apparatus (hour and half past)
- Addition and subtraction using concrete and pictorial apparatus .
- To understand measure.

The children's homework will provide guidance to parents and allow the children to practise the skills they have learnt that week.

Science

Seasonal Change

*observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

Animals, including humans

*To identify and name common animals

*Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals

*Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense

ICT

To use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

RE

*Why is the Bible sacred to Christians?

*How Christians use the Bible in church and at home to teach people through stories.

*Stories of the life of Jesus

*Stories Jesus told

Geography:

*To understand geographical similarities and differences of an area of the UK and Australia.

History

*Focusing on significant historical events, people and places within their own locality.

Music

*Sing songs

*Play tuned & un-tuned instruments musically.

PE

This term the children will be covering three different topics:

Outdoor Games, Dance and Gymnastics

We have outdoor P.E. every Thursday afternoon,

Gymnastics and dance are on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please make sure that your child keeps their PE kit in school all week. They will need suitable clothing for an indoor and outdoor PE session. Please can you ensure children remove their earrings on these days, if this is not possible, tape should be provided so that the earrings can be covered for safety reasons.

Homework

Your child will receive a piece of English and Maths homework each week. This homework will be sent home on a Friday and is to be returned by the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to work independently on their homework. Please feel free to write any comments in their homework book.

Spellings

Spelling lists will be set on a Friday to be learnt for assessment on Friday of the following week.

Times Tables

If you can please practise your child's times tables with them as much as possible. We will be learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables throughout the year.

Labelling your child's belongings

Please can we remind you that all children's clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled to prevent them from getting lost.

We look forward to the year ahead working with your children.

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