

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 Class 1

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Welcome back to the first exciting term in Year 1. We hope you had a lovely summer holiday, and are well rested and ready to get learning!

Cross curricular topic work: Our topic this half term is 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and 'My favourite things'.

Numeracy:

We will begin by focusing upon counting, number and place value, this will include estimating, ordering, counting on and back, doubling and halving as well as writing numbers.

Literacy:

Read Write Ink will be continuing every morning where children will be taught in ability groups across the school.

We will be focusing on a story called 'All about me' and the children will use this to support their writing. We will be closely looking at sentence construction, captions and labels and instructions. We will also be using Kippers Toy Box story when we move onto our 'favourite things' topic. We will be concentrating on character description, re-telling the story and beginning to write our own stories.

Author of the term - Janet and Allan Allberg - if the children have any books by this author please feel free for them to bring the books into school to share with the class.

ICT:

We will begin to develop skills in simple word processing. We will also use the programme 'paint' to create pictures of characters.

Science:

We will be learning all about our bodies, recognising and naming different body parts then looking at our senses and identifying objects through them.

We will also be learning about materials. We will take part in a material hunt, enabling us to name and compare different materials. Following this we will sort materials, considering their properties. We will consider how we use materials on a daily basis.

PE

P.E will always be on a Monday afternoon. All children must have the appropriate P.E kit for both indoors and outdoors.

RE, PSHE and SEAL:

We will be learning about Christianity through Old Testament stories including Noah's Ark and Moses in a basket.

Enrichment opportunities:

- Material hunt
- Trip to Toy Museum!
- 50 things - cooking a crumble
- Design and make our own toy

Ways to help your child:

- By talking about the **topics** and finding out any information from books, computers, internet, libraries etc. Please encourage the children to bring any useful information into school. If you have any particular personal information, which may be of interest and you would like to share this in school, please contact me.
- By discussing any **Home Learning** with your child and helping/encouraging them to complete any tasks. Home Learning is given out on Fridays and should be returned to school by the following Thursday so it can be marked and celebrated.
- By helping them to learn thoroughly any mental maths work or number bonds to 10.
- By helping them to learn thoroughly any **spellings** they may bring home. Spellings are given out through RWI on a Friday and tested the following week.
- By encouraging them to read as much as possible (at least 3 times a week) and using the assessment focus ideas in your child's home school diary.
- The children will be set curricular targets that will be shared with them each term. These are small steps to success that children should know and aim to achieve by the end of term.
- Ensuring that they come to school on time, ready to work hard and succeed!

Thank you so much for all your help and support!!

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