

## Curriculum Information for Parents

### Year 1 and 2 – Autumn Term 1

#### English

This year will see us continuing on our quest! In year 1 and 2 our English learning is driven by a quest, a curious quest. Whereby the children have to write, draw and invent for different characters to help us get to the final destination. Along the way we will need to defeat different baddies and cross different lands using our writing skills. This way of learning is personalised to your child's next steps. They are all so inspired by it already and the children's ideas have been so imaginative. They have totally fallen into a world of story dreaming!

#### Maths

In maths this half term we will be focusing on place value.

The year 1's will be focusing on numbers to 20 and the year 2's will be focusing on numbers to 100.

In maths we will be streaming the children across the year group daily based on their next steps. This will be flexible daily, weekly and half termly to ensure each child's learning is personalised and right for them. We have agreed as a team due to the stretch of the curriculum in this area that this is currently the best way for us to teach this subject.

## Belonging

### Welcome to year 1 and 2!

We have really enjoyed seeing all the children again after the summer holidays and they have had a super start already to the term.

You will have noticed that our classrooms are set up for play-based learning. Play for children is vitally important to all aspects of their learning including building their own self-worth of their abilities and confidence. Our vision in Year 1 and 2 will be to continue their learning in this way and personalising it for all children to ensure they are achieving their next steps.

#### Key days in the week

- PE Thursday and Friday
- Library Wednesday mornings
- Nature Explorers – Tuesday afternoons
- Phonics wallets must be in every day

#### Key dates this half term:

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Milestones Museum Trip (more information to come).
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Come and visit your child's classroom – doors open after school.

#### Must have's in school:

- Wellie Boots to stay in school for outdoor play, nature explorers and lunchtimes.

#### Suggestions to help your child at home...

Reading together at home is a fabulous way to encourage the development of your child's reading. We encourage the children to keep the same book over at least two nights and to re-read the same book in order to build fluency, pace and comprehension.

Phonics reading books as well as their phonics booklets will go home every day for you to use at home and they are expected to be in every day to be used in our daily phonics lessons.

### Our learning during this unit will include....

#### Science

This term, we will be learning all about our bodies. The children will be labelling parts of the body as well as learning the important functions of each of our senses. We will also be focusing on the Corn Moon and the Harvest Moon. Within this we will be looking at Harvest and the life cycle of the edible foods within our school grounds. We will also be looking at the change happening between the seasons of Summer and Autumn.

#### Computing

This unit will introduce pupils to key computing skills and terminology.

They will recognise common uses of information technology beyond school. They will learn about using technology safely and respectfully. We will also learn how to log on so we can use the computers when we wish during our play.

#### PE

The Year 1's will be being taught gymnastic skills this half term.

The Year 2's will be being taught Football skills this half term.

#### History

In history, we will be looking at changes over time and we will be focusing on how toys have changed over time starting from the Victorian Era. To enhance this learning we will be visiting Milestones Museum (more information to come).

#### Geography

We will be looking at where we live in the world and where Chandlers Ford is in the world. We will also be noticing physical (natural) and human (man-made) features in our local area.

#### RE

RE will see us exploring the concept of 'creation' and Christian beliefs. As a part of this we will be incorporating the visits to the Harvest church festival and thinking about our wider community.

#### Art/DT

In art we will be practising our drawing skills and Korky Paul is our focus artist. In DT we will opening our carpentry areas and introducing woodwork for the children to use when they wish during the week. They will also be finding out about mechanisms and how to make different moving vehicles that use wheels.

#### Music

In music, we have the Hampshire Music Service coming in every Thursday to teach the children. This session is called Listen to Me and this half term the children will be doing Samba. You will be invited to a concert later in the term, further details to follow.

#### PHSE

Well-being Wednesdays, we will be continuing to learn about our brain in Our Happy Minds lessons and learning to happy breathe.