

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 1 – Autumn Term 1 2023

English

Initially we will be focusing on children's gross and fine motor skills linked to their handwriting as well as starting our handwriting programme. The children will be partaking in drawing club everyday following on from Year R which is an exciting scheme whereby the children are inspired by inspirational stories to design new characters, stories and writing codes that transform their pictures.

We will be reading numerous stories together and focusing on new vocabulary within them to inspire our story telling. Our focus will be for the children to be composing a sentence orally and then having a go at writing it with accurate punctuation.

In phonics the children will start to bring home their phonics booklet as well as their phonics reading book for you to be able to over learn at home. Re-reading is really important for long term memory & fluency.

Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include....

Place value, addition and subtraction within 10

- Sorting objects
- Counting objects
- Representing objects
- Counting, reading and writing forwards and backwards from any number 0-10.
- Counting one more and one less
- One-to- one correspondence to start to compare groups
- Comparing groups using language such as equals, more/greater, less/fewer
- Introduce <, > and = symbols
- Comparing and ordering groups of objects and numbers
- Learning ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Introducing and using the number line
- Using various models and representations for addition and subtraction within 10.

Brilliant Bodies

Welcome!

Welcome to year 1! We have really enjoyed seeing all the children again after the Summer holidays and they have had a super start already to the term.

Transition from Year R to year 1 is really important to us and you will notice that your child's classroom and learning opportunities reflects their EYFS experience. Play for children is vitally important to all aspects of their learning including building their own self-worth of their abilities and confidence. Therefore, our vision in year 1 will be to continue their learning in this way and personalising it for all children to ensure they are achieving their next steps.

Other Information

- Staying hydrated is crucially important to both health and learning. Please send your child in with a labelled water bottle and ensure it is cleaned regularly.
- PE sessions are on a Monday and Friday.
- Phonics wallets need to be in daily (this is their reading book and phonics booklet).
- Library visit day will be on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Book count will be on a Wednesday (please ensure their reading log is always in on this day).
- Please ensure their P.E kit is in school every day, and clearly labelled.
- Our Launch Day is 29th September 2023. Children can come in dressed as people who help us: nurses, doctors, fire fighters, paramedics, dentists, vets...

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.

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.

PE

The children will explore using their bodies in a variety of ways in gymnastics. We will learn and develop the star, straddle, pike and straight shapes. We will also be gaining some more ball skills in outdoor games.

History

In history, we will be looking at Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be looking at how they helped people and the important changes they have made to nursing. Due to current circumstances in the world as well we won't be talking about the war and soldiers linked to these individuals.

RE

RE will see us exploring the concept of 'thanking'. The children will be considering what they are thankful for in their own lives. We will then consider why some Christians are grateful to God at harvest and how they show they are grateful to God.

Art/DT

In DT, we will be studying vehicles and the way in which they move. The children will be using axels and wheels to create their own moving vehicle.

Music

In music, we are learning to sing songs about our bodies.

PHSE

During personal, health and social education we will be learning about what helps to keep us healthy.