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YEAR 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have had a restful winter break, it has been lovely to welcome the children back to school for this new Spring term. Below is an overview of what we are planning to cover this term in Year 1.

Maths	During the spring term we shall practice and develop our Maths fluency, reasoning and mental maths skills. These lessons will focus on place value, adding and subtracting, using money, and working with numbers to 50. We will explore mathematical puzzles and problems and discuss our thinking and problem solving.
English	Our phonics RWI program will continue using online teaching. The children have been grouped according to our latest assessments and are working on their set 1, 2 or 3 sounds. We use Education city and Purple Mash activities to secure understanding. We will be working from a range of children’s books and non-fiction texts to develop our sentence structure, vocabulary and creative writing. We will share online links to videos or online versions of the texts wherever possible to enable you to share the stories at home too. Children will take part in guided reading every afternoon. Please ensure you read with your child daily and write in their reading record when you have done so.



FUTURE

NURTURING AND INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS TOWARDS A BRIGHT



Science	During the first half term, year 1 will be learning about the seasonal changes from Autumn to Winter. We will be investigating the weather in Winter and the variation in daylight hours. The children will go on a Winter walk to look for signs of Winter. We will think about how humans and animals make adaptations during the winter.
History	Our History unit is famous Kings and Queens of England. The children will learn about the history of the monarchy, King John I and the Magna Carta, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, Charles I. They will be encouraged to think about what makes a good monarch and compare Queen Elizabeth II with Monarchs from the past.
Geography	In Geography, we will learn about the UK. We will learn about the composite Countries (England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales) their capital cities and important features, geographical differences, and their national flags.
Art	Our first unit is Line. Types of line – straight, zigzag, wavy & curved and how these are used for different affects. We will investigate the Artists – Miro, Klee and Van Gough. After half term we will be Investigating Sculpture and understanding that sculpture is changing shape of materials. We will create our own sculptures using clay, cardboard and model magic. Focusing on the piece Little dancer by Degas
DT	No DT units this term.
RE	The children will look at the concept of 'belonging' and what this means to different people and religions. We will look at and compare Baptism, Christening and other welcoming ceremonies. There will be a virtual tour of a cathedral. After half term will be learning about Holy week, why Easter is a special time for Christians and how it is celebrated here and around the world.
PHSE	In the first half term, our Jigsaw PHSE programme will be about Dreams and Goals, after half term we then focus on Healthy Me and think about the different ways of staying healthy.
Computing	We will refresh our e-safety rules and remember how to use the internet safely. We will follow the Purple Mash curriculum with an online weekly activity.
PE	In the first half term, we will be following a Team Games unit. In the second half term, we will be learning and playing circle games and parachute games. We will learn to work together as a team and give and receive instructions..

PE- Please be reminded that our PE uniform is black shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and black plimsols. These are to be worn to school on PE days.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear – NO TRAINERS. Earrings should be studs and no other jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- Children should bring a bottle of water each day, which is available to them during lessons and can be refilled as required through the day.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. A choice of homework activities will be set termly and children should strive to complete as many of the activities as they can, we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions please email your class teacher.

Kind Regards,

Year 1 Team