



**YEAR 1**  
**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - SUMMER TERM 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have had a restful Easter break.

Below is an overview of what we are planning to cover this term in Year 1.

- Maths** During the summer term we shall practice and develop our Maths fluency, reasoning and mental maths skills. Our lessons will focus on addition and subtraction using tens and ones, multiplication and division including word problems and begin to tell the time on an analogue clock
- English** Our phonics RWI program will continue with the children in small groups. 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 regularly and write in their reading record when you have done so.
- Science** During the first half term, year 1 will be learning about plants. We will learn about what conditions plants need to grow healthily. We will be planting salad seeds, wild plant seeds and sunflowers to learn how different plants grow. We will look at seed dispersal and plant lifecycles.  
In the second half term we will be learning about materials and investigating the properties of materials and use these observations to design and construct a boat.
- History** Our History unit is Prime Ministers. We will learn about what the government and parliament does in the UK and think about what makes a good leader. We will also look at our own family history and our family tree.
- Geography** In Geography, we will learn about the seven continents of the world and where they are located on a map of the world. We will look at the famous landmarks and geographical features of each continent.
- Art** No Art units this term
- DT** In DT we have a Food and Nutrition unit – Sensational Salads where the children will learn about where our food produce comes from. We will harvest the salad plants that we planted in our science unit and use these to create different salads. In the second half term we will learn about moving pictures. We will learn techniques such as a wheel mechanism, a slide mechanism and a pivot mechanism to create our own moving pictures.
- RE** The children will look at the Holy texts from Christianity, Judaism and Islam and learn some of each religions' special stories. In the second half term we will look at



- the concept of belief and what some of the big questions surrounding religion are.
- PHSE In the first half term, our Jigsaw PHSE programme will be about Relationships, after half term we then focus on Our Bodies and think about the different ways of staying healthy and looking after our bodies.
- 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 Funky Fitness unit with a visiting instructor. In the second half term, we will be learning about different Athletic events, such as, hurdles, relay races, discuss and jumping.

**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 **WEDNESDAYS** (Year 1)

**Uniform-** Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. 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 half-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