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YEAR 1



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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	<p>During the spring term we shall practice and develop our Maths fluency, reasoning and mental maths skills. These lessons will focus on shapes, measurement, place value, adding and subtracting, using money, and working with numbers to 50.</p> <p>We will explore mathematical puzzles and problems and discuss our thinking and problem solving.</p>
English	<p>Our monster phonics program will continue allowing the children to practice their reading fluency and sounds.</p> <p>We will be working from a range of children's books and non-fiction texts to develop our sentence structure, vocabulary and creative writing.</p> <p>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. Please also ensure your child is learning their spellings each week, which will be tested on Fridays.</p>
Science	<p>Year 1 will be learning about the different groups of vertebrates and what makes each group of animals special and will then move onto learning about the seasons and weather.</p>
History	<p>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.</p>
Geography	<p>In Geography, we will learn about the UK. We will learn about the composite Countries (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales), their capital cities and important features, geographical differences, and their national flags.</p>
Art	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
DT	<p>No DT units this term.</p>
RE	<p>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 we will be learning about Holy week, why Easter is a special time for Christians and how it is celebrated here and around the world.</p>
PHSE	<p>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.</p>
Computing	<p>We will refresh our e-safety rules and remember how to use the internet safely.</p> <p>We will follow the Purple Mash curriculum with an online weekly activity.</p>

PE	In the first half term, we will be doing gymnastics. In the second half term, we will be learning and playing games involving attack and defence. We will learn to work together as a team and give and receive instructions..
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PE- Please be reminded that our PE uniform is black shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and black plimsolls. These are to be worn to school on **Wednesdays**.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear – no trainers please. 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. They will have weekly spellings and will be tested on Fridays. They also now have access to TT Rockstars so they can begin to practise their times tables which will help them immensely in maths going forward.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Year 1 team