

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a lovely, relaxing Christmas Holiday and are looking forward to continuing to teach your children our diverse curriculum. Please find information about our topics and class expectations below.

Curriculum

We are so excited for this term as children will be looking at a plethora of different topics! Our main topic this term is
“My United Kingdom.”

Within this, we will be exploring changes through time, more specifically: jobs and how they have changed over time.

We will be looking at how jobs such as police officers and nurses have come to fruition and how they have developed based on different periods of time.

Children will be travelling back to the Middle Ages, the Tudors and the Victorian era and comparing it their own.

Weekly Activities and upcoming dates

PE and Forest School will be every Tuesday.

Library – The library is open and we will be visiting there weekly.

After School Provision –Further information will be provided closer to the time.

Homework

Homework will be set every **Friday** with the expectation that it is returned on the following **Wednesday**. Homework will include one piece of writing and one piece of maths. Please try to allow your child to complete their homework as independently as possible. Please ensure learners read for a minimum of 10 minutes every evening.

Topic homework will be set **once a half term** with 6 weeks to complete it in.

Contact Details

Please do not hesitate to contact Myself if you have any questions or queries.

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We are very lucky to be supported by Miss Rozanne

Reading

I cannot reiterate how important it is for your child to read often through various forms of media. I want to foster a love of reading in our classrooms and this comes from the children being encouraged to experience different genre and formats. By doing this and working collaboratively with yourselves, as careers, I hope to see a continuation of the accelerated progress they have made already.

Please ensure your child reads **every evening** and this is marked in their reading record book which is checked daily.

We are using the scheme ‘Little Wandle’. It is a fabulous phonics scheme that tailors books to the sounds your children will be currently learning that week. With parent logins you will also be able to access these books online. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in the scheme at home! It is expectation, children use this resource.

Expectations

It is essential that you drop your child to school for **8:40am** and collected promptly at **3:20pm**. Please ensure arrive on time so they can benefit from the early morning learning.

Children are expected to bring their reading diary to school every day, signed by their parent/carer to show they have read the previous evening.

Labelled water bottles must be brought into school every day.



History

Through our topic 'My United Kingdom' pupils will be looking at significant changes that have taken place over time.

This half term, we are looking through the lens of jobs. Pupils will research different jobs. They will also know who to contact in an emergency and what the emergency services are.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be focusing on the stimulus, Pixar's 'Up'.

We will be looking at third person narratives and character descriptions.

By the end of this unit, children will be able to write sentences accurately, and use suffixes and conjunctions effectively.

Science

In Science, pupils will be identifying significant parts of the human body and exploring the effects of the senses.

Children will begin to be introduced to animal types such as mammals through investigating some of the characteristics of humans.

Maths

Children will learn:

2D and 3D Shapes

Addition and subtraction within 10

Read write and interpret number sentences using +, - and = signs

Add and subtract numbers to 20 including 0

Being secure on number bonds to 20.

Solve one step problems using objects and pictorial representations.

RE

Pupils will be learning about Jesus' early life and the miracles he performed such as curing the sick. They will also look at how he gained his disciples.

Computing

Children will be exploring coding and algorithms with Purple Mash.

PE

Pupils will be learning about dance and physicality.

Art

Children will be looking at landscape art and will recreate work from Van Gogh, Monet and Darchuk..

PSHE

We will be looking at children dreams and goals for the future and how we can achieve these.