

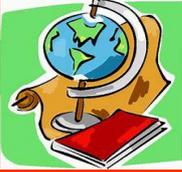
Friday 27 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term

Welcome to year 1! We have enjoyed getting to know your child over the past few weeks and look forward to working in partnership with you this year. Please read the information below to find out what your child will be learning this term and how you can support them at home.

Subject	Focus	Suggestions for parents and carers
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Maths</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p>	<p>We have been exploring numbers 1-20 through a range of practical resources (Numicon, cubes, number lines).</p> <p>We will continue to practice our counting.</p> <p>We will also be focusing on one more and one less than a number.</p> <p>We will also start looking at addition and subtraction within 20.</p>	<p>Practice counting different objects at home.</p> <p>Play different maths games with number cards.</p> <p>Sing some counting songs.</p> <p>Visit www.topmarks.co.uk for lots of different counting games!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>English</i></p> 	<p>We are reading the story of Beegu and exploring space and aliens!</p> <p>We had an alien crash site in class which really engaged all children.</p> <p>We will focus on using this interest to encourage children to:</p>	<p>Reading every day with your child.</p> <p>Visiting the library regularly.</p> <p>Exploring key vocabulary related to aliens and spaceships!</p> <p>Reading fiction and non-fiction text based around aliens.</p>

	<p>Begin writing full sentences with correct punctuation.</p> <p>Focus on letter formation and presentation.</p> <p>Retelling a familiar story with confidence.</p> <p>Ordering and sequencing main events in a story.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science</i></p> 	<p>Our topic this half term is Materials! We will be exploring and investigating different materials alongside the story 'Beegu'.</p> <p>We will identify and sort a variety of materials e.g. wood, glass, plastic, paper, fabric.</p> <p>We will describe the properties of different materials e.g. hard, soft, bendy, stiff, bumpy, and smooth.</p> <p>We will also be investigating which materials can help keep Beegu dry and warm whilst on planet Earth!</p>	<p>Go on a materials hunt around your home or neighbourhood.</p> <p>Use different materials to create art work.</p> <p>Use descriptive language in everyday situations.</p> <p>Visit library and find books about materials!</p> <p>Discuss why we recycle.</p>
<p><i>Geography and History</i></p> 	<p>NA</p>	<p>Talking about local area, bus routes, and familiar places.</p> <p>Watching the news and being aware of what's happening around us.</p>
<p><i>Art / DT</i></p> 	<p>Looking at how to use a pencil and paintbrush effectively.</p> <p>Creating collages/paintings/portraits.</p>	<p>Giving children opportunities to get creative.</p> <p>Collect empty packaging and build a space ship!</p> <p>Collect autumn leaves and create a leaf</p>

		alien! Visit local library for arts and crafts sessions.
<p>Computing</p> 	NA	Ensuring children are always supervised when accessing the internet.
<p>R.E.</p> 	We will look into special celebrations and festivals. We will begin to prepare for the Winter performance.	Talking about your faith and others. Talking about special celebrations.
<p>PSHE</p> 	Settling in to year 1. Becoming familiar with our new routine and expectations.	
<p>Music</p> 	We will have weekly singing assemblies. Children will have access to free flow activities during the autumn term, including musical areas.	Listening to music in other languages. Creating music at home. Creating rhythm and pattern.
<p>P.E</p> 	Year 1s will have two P.E sessions per week. These days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will cover sports and dance this half term.	Using Just Dance Kids (youtube) to dance and move to child friendly music. Visiting the park or recreational grounds regularly. Taking part in after school clubs with school Coaches.

Homework is an important part of school life. It is an opportunity for children to practise and consolidate work that they have been doing during the

week. We appreciate your support in helping your child to continue learning at home.

On Friday your child will bring home learning activities that are linked to work that they have done during the week. It will give you an idea of what they have been learning in class and provide you with an opportunity to talk to them about the curriculum that is being taught.

The homework should be returned to class by the following Wednesday. Please discuss this work with your child and help them complete it to the best of THEIR ability.

Individual reading books will be changed once a week (**the day may vary**). Please keep this book and your child's book bag **all the time** and read it as often as you can. The children will also be able to bring home a book from the class book corner and will change this regularly. **They need to bring their book bags every day.**

Please read to and with your child as often as possible. We love to receive your comments about your child's progress. Please write your comments in your child's reading record book. Children make the best progress when they read on a daily basis.

Attendance and Punctuality

This year we aim to improve our overall attendance figures. It is important that you child is in school every day and that they arrive on time. Please ensure that collect your child promptly at the end of the day or contact the school office if you are going to be unavoidably late.

PE

Children will be using their PE kits every week and is therefore essential that they have a full PE kit in school at all times. **As it becomes colder, please make sure your child has a tracksuit or warm jumper for outdoor P.E.** This can be a plain black tracksuit. The children will bring home their P.E. kit to be washed at half term. It is vital that your child does not wear jewellery to school; earrings should be studs only.

Assemblies

Singing Assemblies: Monday

Gold Book and Class Assemblies: Friday

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School Uniform

Girls

Black Skirt or Trousers
White Polo Shirt/Shirt
*Red Sweatshirt/Cardigan/Fleece
Completely Black Shoes
Black tights (no leggings)
Black, red or white hairbands

Boys

Black Trousers
White Polo Shirt/Shirt
*Red Sweatshirt/Fleece
Completely Black Shoes

PE Kit

White t-shirt
Black Shorts
Tracksuit for winter games
Black Plimsolls
PE Bag
Swimming Kit including a swimming hat (Year 5 Only)

School Trips

Every term we will arrange for the children to go on an education visit or to receive a visit from a visitor in school. We always appreciate support with trips and visits so please let us know if you are willing and able to help.

Should you have any questions or if you would like any support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team