



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1

Autumn Term 1

In Year 1 we have been getting to know our new routines and teachers.

English

This half term we will have strong focus on letter formation and handwriting. We will be improving our tripod grip, using finger spaces and develop our fine motor skills. Throughout all of our English lessons we will be focusing on basic sentence structures; ensuring that the children are using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

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How can I help at home?

Any practical writing activities that you may do at home, encourage your child to help you write these e.g. shopping lists, thank you cards etc. To support your child in fine motor skills you can do cutting, sticking, threading beads on a string, playing with playdough and peeling stickers.

Maths

We will be working on securing our knowledge of place value within 10. We will use apparatus, visual representations and written numbers to explore this. We will then move onto one more/one less and comparing numbers, using greater than and less than.

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How can I help at home?

Any opportunities for your child to be able to count accurately e.g. the cutlery when laying the table, counting their toys etc. Encouraging your child to recognise any numbers around them that they see in their environment e.g. door numbers, car number plates etc. You could use the words greater than and less than in these contexts.

Phonics

This half term we are revising some of the sounds we have previously learnt, ensuring that pupils are confident in recognising and applying them. We will then be moving onto looking at CVCC and CCVC words, using the sounds we know, as well as exploring adjacent consonants and polysyllabic words.

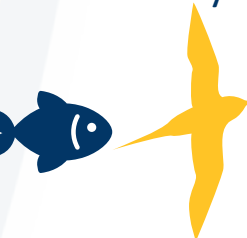


How can I help at home?

Reading a word that contains the key sounds from their books and writing it out into a sentence will help them consolidate their sounds. Re-reading their books will help to build on their confidence and fluency and will help them earn green points if they read 5 times per week! **Please use the reading diary to note when your child has read at home by including the name of the book and the pages read.**

Science

We will be learning about animals this half term. The pupils will be sorting and grouping animals into different categories (e.g. mammals, birds and fish) as well as learning about what different animals eat. Finally we will be identifying and labelling different body parts of animals.



Personal Development

Pupils will be engaging in the topic of 'Being Me in My World' where they will be exploring themes such as having a sense of belonging and contributing to a learning charter.





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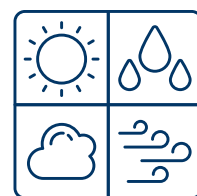
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In Art we have been learning about sculpture and creating our own 3D drawings.

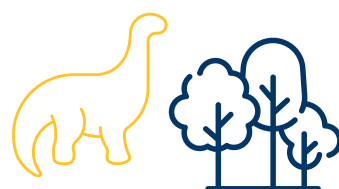
Geography

We will be focussing on wonderful weather this half term. We will learn about different types of weathers, the four seasons, the months that belong in each season and how some extreme weather can be dangerous.



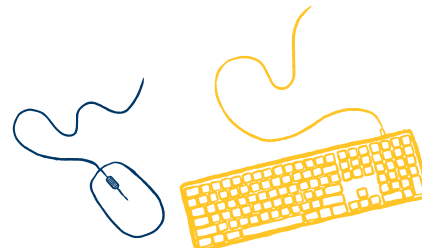
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The pupils will be exploring Sculpture and 3D art through paper. They will be using paper to create a dinosaur world as well as larger trees and other animals.



Computing

We will be learning about online safety and how to use technology safely and respectfully. We will also learn how to use the mouse/trackpad and develop keyboard skills.



Music

In Year 1 pupils will be developing their musical skills, exploring Beat, Rhythm and Pulse. They will learn the fundamentals of Music and develop their listening and rhythmic skills whilst getting the chance to experience some improvisation and composition.



Physical Education

Within our indoor PE lessons, we will be developing their communication and problem solving skills. They will work individually, in pairs and in small groups, learning to take turns, work collaboratively and lead each other.

In outdoor PE they will be exploring the fundamental movement skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping.



Please can pupils come in PE kits on their days. For PE lessons, long hair must be tied back and stud earrings removed. New piercings will need to be covered with tape or plasters brought from home.

Key days:

Books changed - Wednesday

Library Days:

1SA - Wednesday
1BB - Monday
1AI - Thursday

PE Days:

1SA - Monday and Tuesday
1BB - Monday and Friday
1AI - Monday and Wednesday