

Year 1 Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back to a new year! We are really happy with how the children have settled into Year One and we are so proud to see them growing in confidence. We are looking forward to another great term together.

Reading and Phonics

Phonics continues to be taught every day. All children are moving onto learning set 3 sounds where they learn new ways to spell sounds they already know.

Speed Sounds Set 2



Set 3 Sounds



Reading is still the main focus of homework, and we would like all children to read four times a week as a minimum.

Thank you for your continued support with this so far - it is having such a positive impact upon reading fluency and confidence!

Children will continue to receive a 'Book to Share' to enjoy listening to - the children seem to really enjoy choosing their books and recommending books they have liked to their friends.

Maths

We are moving onto working with larger numbers - beginning with teen numbers and moving up to numbers to 100. We are focussing on counting sequences and place value. Spotting numbers in everyday life would be a really helpful thing to do.

We continue to practice our 'Number Sense' facts alongside our core maths. These facts help us become confident and fluent mathematicians. We will focus on ensuring we know all the ways to make numbers up to 10 and recognising amounts up to 10 without counting them - this is called 'subitising'.

Topic

Our topic this half term is *Geography*. We will be learning about the features of different types of farms. We will continue to use maps and also remember the names of the countries and capital cities of the UK.

Next half term our History topic will be 'Holidays'. We will use photographs to find out how holidays have changed since their grandparents were children.

In 'art' our focus will be painting. We are practicing mixing colours and will use this skill to paint a final piece influenced by the artist Clarice Cliff.

Science

We will be studying 'animals'. We have begun by looking at ourselves as humans and our body parts and senses. We will then study the characteristics of different animals and compare them. We will also learn about the food that different types of animals eat.

Key Information

Please continue to ensure all clothing and PE kit items are labelled. If it has a name, the item will most likely find its way back to you!

PE takes place throughout the week - we kindly request that kits come into school on Monday and go home on a Friday if you wish for it to be washed. Our supply of spare kit is running short so we cannot guarantee your child can take part in the lesson if they don't have the correct kit in school.

We love our new classroom door! If all parents/carers can form a queue this makes collection much quicker and safer and also means we can share important information with you more easily.

Finally

As always, we are available on the door at drop off or collection time, so if you ever have any questions, concerns or praise, please find us and we will be happy to help!

Thank you for your continued support.

