



Curriculum Letter for Year 1 - Autumn Term 2 2023

General Information

The children are now all well settled into the routines of Year 1. They are continuing to impress us with their enthusiasm and love of learning.

Curriculum

Maths: We continue building our confidence with number this half term, extending to numbers within 20. The children will be using their knowledge of numbers to help them sequence, order and count numbers within 20, partition into 10s and 1s and look at addition and subtraction within this range.

English: Our two main texts this half term are 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davis (linked to our History topic) and 'Gordon's Great Escape' by Sue Hendra (linked to our work on materials in Science). We will be using these texts to think about inference, prediction and writing questions, letters, instructions and diary entries.

Science: Our topic this half term is '*Celebrations*'. We will be thinking about materials and their properties by carrying out a range of experiments and recording results.

History: This half term our unit is '*My Family History*.' The children will develop their understanding of how our Grandparents lives were different to ours looking at homes, shops, toys and schools.

Art: We will be looking at painting and mixed media with a focus on primary and secondary colours.

Music: The children will learn a number of different festive songs in preparation for a special Christmas concert in December.

RE: We will look at *Saints* with a focus on Mother Teresa, and reflect on Remembrance Day and why it is important. We will also look at the Christmas story which will include a trip out to think about the people in the Nativity story and why they are important to us.

PSHE: Our PSHE topic this half term, looks at '*Families and Relationships*'.

Class Reads: Our end of the day read for this half term is 'The Christmas Pig' by J.K. Rowling

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for **Wednesdays** with Coach Romaine. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We continue to have indoor PE on **Mondays**. Indoor PE kits stay in school until Christmas when they will be sent home for a good wash!

Reading

We are now moving on to 'grow our code' with Phase 5 sounds in phonics. We are learning how we can use different graphemes to make the phonemes we have already learned and even how some graphemes can make more than one phoneme. Developing phonic knowledge will be practiced in both spelling and reading activities in school. All children will read with an adult in school regularly.



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Reading aloud is so very important at home and we will continue to send home books appropriate for your children. Reading practice books will continue to be set as e-books. In addition, they will bring home a book to share with an adult to support reading for pleasure. We would appreciate reading records being completed weekly with a short comment to let us know how your child has found their reading practice book that week.

Books will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Please ensure the books are returned on the correct day, as this will increase our selection of available books for the children to choose from.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on *Microsoft Teams* and is due in the following Thursday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash – this will be indicated on the work set on *Teams*.

Our Knowledge Organisers are available in Teams under 'Files' so please use this to help support your child's learning in school at home, too. They are a great way to start conversations about what we are doing at school each week.

Key Dates and events

13 th November	Odd Socks Day as part of Anti Bullying Week
14 th November	Parents' meetings
16 th November	Parents' meetings
23 rd November	Visit to V&A Museum of Childhood
24 th November	PTA Christmas Cracker after school
28 th November	Flu spray immunisation
30 th November	1B visit to Christmas Experience
1 st December	1W visit to Christmas Experience
12 th December	Christmas Recital performances 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
8 th December	Christmas school lunch
20 th December	End of term 2:00 p.m.
8 th January	Start of Spring term