



Curriculum Letter for Year 1

Autumn Term 2020



General Information

A very warm welcome to Year 1! The children have settled in well and are becoming familiar with all the new routines, expectations and changes around the school. Thank you to everyone for adapting so well, the children have impressed us with their resilience and passion for learning.

Curriculum

Maths – In Maths we will be focusing on place value. The children will be developing their understanding of number recognition and their skills in ordering and comparing numbers.

English – In English the children will explore a range of text types, including fiction and non-fiction. We will also be looking at re-telling stories, sentence writing and building vocabulary.

Geography – This half term our topic is about '*Our Local Area.*' The children will develop their locational knowledge based on the view from the school and local walks. They will also be using maps and develop their vocabulary to define where they live.

History – After half term we will be looking at our own *family history.* We will look at what life was like when our grandparents were little and compare it to life now.

Science – Our new Science topic is '*Plants and animals.*' We will be identifying common garden plants and describing their basic structures. We will also be exploring a variety of animals and we will be identifying and comparing their features.

RE – IN RE the children will explore *The Creation Story.* They will recall the events and talk about how to care for the world God created. After half term the children will be learning all about the Christmas story.

Phonics – The children will receive daily phonics sessions to extend prior learning and introduce new sounds. We will be revising the phase 3 sounds and beginning phase 5.

PE days

This half term we are supplementing our PE activities with extra time on our fantastic new climbing equipment in the KS1 Playground. Each class will have three opportunities a week to use it. Our outdoor PE session is Tuesday with Coach Romaine. The children need to come into school dressed in their PE kit every Tuesday.

Reading

We are currently reading with the children on a 1:1 basis at least once a week, to monitor fluency.

Reading aloud is so very important at home and we will continue to send home books appropriate for your children. If you feel that a book is too challenging or otherwise, please let us know via the Reading Record on Teams. We will look at these weekly.

We have purchased additional reading books this term, to further support our younger readers. Books will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Tuesday. Please ensure the books are returned on the correct day as this will allow them to be 'quarantined' before being given to a new child the following week. It will increase our section of available books for the children to choose from.

Homework

Our Homework will be set on Teams on a Friday and should be completed by Wednesday of the following week. Homework will either focus on phonics or there will be a My Maths or Purple Mash task.

Key Dates

Flu Nasal spray immunization – 14th October

Half term – 26th – 30th October