

Autumn 1

Curriculum Letter

Friday 10th September

A warm welcome to Year 1! We hope you managed to have some quality family time and are looking forward to the new school year. We have been delighted to see the children so enthusiastic in coming into school and so settled in their new classes with friends from Year R and new friends too. We have a very committed and enthusiastic Year 1 team who work together to achieve the best for your child and to make this a very happy and memorable year of school. We would like to introduce you to the class teams:

Rabbit Class: Class Teachers Mrs Lubbock-Smith and Mrs Anousis, Teaching Assistants Mr Segun and Ms Saville

Owl Class: Class Teacher Miss Ruck, Teaching Assistant Mrs Dunford

Mole Class: Class Teacher Miss Sneddon, Teaching Assistant Mrs Liddiard and Mrs Preston.

Discovery

Our topic this half-term is called '**Once Upon a Town**' and we will be focusing on characters and events from well-known traditional stories. We will be closely looking at stories with Wolves such as 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The three little pigs'. It is a fantastic starting point for lots of English work including role-play, for teachers and children alike! Throughout this unit the children will write a 'wanted' poster for a Wolf, a setting description and create their very own story. For the children's celebration event there will be a dress up day on Thursday 21st October where they can dress up as a hero or villain from a traditional story.



Phonics

In phonics the children will revisit the digraphs and trigraphs previously taught in Year R. (*ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, oa, ar, or, ur, er, oo, air, ure, igh*). This will support children when spelling these words in sentences. We will practise blending real words and monster words containing these sounds e.g. train is a real word but fra~~in~~ is a monster words. This will help to prepare them for the Phonics Screening check in June. More information on this will be circulated throughout the year. We will continue to practise reading and writing 'tricky' words which we will now refer to the children as 'Sight' words. We will send home weekly lists of words for your child to practise.

Reading

Please see the separate reading letter for more information about reading at our school.



Mathematics

In mathematics they will be learning to count to and across 100, forward and backwards from any given number. They will also learn to name and sort a range of 2d shapes. To support your child at home you may wish to practise counting objects/ items when you are out walking and writing numbers to ensure they are written the correct way around.





Wider curriculum

In design and technology, they will be creating a moving picture based on a traditional tale. They will look at a range of books with moving pictures and use this to help them to create their own design. They will learn about different mechanisms and evaluate the most effective for their picture. In science they will be learning about the human body. They will name the body parts and discuss their function. In computing they will be learning to write simple algorithms for devices. In science, they will be learning about materials and creating their very own bridges. Thank you for all the junk modelling you collected for us. They will continue to take part in their daily physical activity. This includes Zumba, yoga, golden mile, aerobics and lots more.

Home learning

This will be shared on Google Classroom, along with weekly lists of words for your child to practise.

Other

Your child will need a full PE kit in school at all times.

Our PE days will be:

Rabbits: Monday

Owls and Moles: Tuesday

Library

Children will visit the library fortnightly to choose their library book. Please ensure your child has their library book in their book bag on their day so they can change it.

Our Library days will be:

Owls: Wednesday

Moles and Rabbits: Thursday

Many thanks for your continued support

The Year 1 team