

Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Autumn 1

Friday 15th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 I Smith and Mrs L Smith

Co-teacher: Miss Samwell

Owl Class:

Class Teacher Miss Spencer

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Williams

Mole Class:

Class Teacher Mr Ball

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dunford

We will be hosting a virtual Year 1 curriculum evening. More details about this to follow.

Discovery

Our topic this half-term is called '**Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?**' 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 on Wednesday 18th October, the children will have the opportunity to share a story they have written about the three little pigs.



Phonics

In phonics the children will revisit the digraphs and trigraphs previously taught in Year R. (ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er). 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 frair is a monster word. 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. We will send home lists of words for your child to practise each half term.

Reading

Please see the separate reading letter for more information about reading at our school. Your child will be given a book to take home each week that they will have read alongside an adult in our reading sessions that week. This book will be changed and sent home every **Friday**, therefore please ensure your child's book is returned to school every **Thursday**. Please be aware that if your child does not bring their book back, we will not be able to give them another one.



Library

Children will visit the library weekly to choose their own library book. Please ensure your child has their library book in their book bag on a **Wednesday** so they can change it.

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. They will continue to take part in their daily physical activity. This includes zumba, yoga, golden mile, aerobics and lots more.

Other

Your child will need a full PE kit in school at all times.
Our PE days will be:

Moles: Tuesday

Rabbits: Thursday

Owls: Monday

Many thanks for your continued support
Mrs Smith and Year 1 team