



Class 1

Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to Class 1!

A very warm welcome to everyone in Class 1; I have very much enjoyed meeting all the children in Class 1 and we have had a super first week. A curriculum newsletter will be sent out every half term to explain the school's theme for learning and the areas we will be covering in Class 1; it will also give you information regarding practical matters and routines throughout the year. Our theme for learning this half term is **The Big Story**.



Literacy

This week the children will start to participate in daily Read Write Inc sessions where they will learn letter sounds, how to blend sounds in order to read words and share books as a group. Please try to attend the Early Phonic and Literacy Evening to find out how your child will learn to read and write and how you can support them at home.

The children will have opportunities to write and mark make in many different areas around the classroom. We will be focusing on teaching the children how to hold their pencil with a 3-finger grip and how write their name independently using correct letter formation.

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This half term the children will be learning to write caption and multiple sentences. We will be focusing on consistently writing sentences with a capital letter and full stop. We are also learning how to correctly form all our letters before we start learning to join our handwriting.



Understanding the World

This half term we are going to find out about hot and cold places around the world. The children will be finding out about the equator and looking at places on a globe. Mr Ryde will be teaching this on a Wednesday morning.

Science

We will be learning about our bodies, the different parts of our bodies and we will be trying to answer the question "how do we change as we get older?"



Physical development

In PE the children will learn to get changed independently, to listen and follow instructions, move safely and change their speed.

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The children will develop their balancing skills on and off equipment.



Mathematics

The Reception Children will participate in whole class and adult-led maths activities every day. The majority of maths will be practical and fun with limited recording at this early stage in their education. We are focusing on counting up to 10, using correct number names, recognising numerals to 9, using mathematical language within their play and being able to find one more than and one less than a given number.

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Children will be focusing on place value of numbers up to 20. They will be learning to add and subtract with numbers up to 20.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be learning about lines, how to draw straight lines and curvy lines. We will then move on to learning how to weave materials to create a picture.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be participating in circle time activities as a whole class to learn each other's names and develop their listening skills. We will also think about how we learn in Class 1 and how we can help each other to learn.

Reception pupils

Coming into school

Thank you for encouraging your children to be independent. It has been great to see the children happily and confidently coming into school on their own.

Sound cards

Your child will be bringing home sound cards to practise letter sounds with you in a couple of weeks. Ways of supporting your child with their reading will be shared at the Early Phonic and literacy meeting on Wednesday 4 October @ 7pm.

Reading Books

Initially, children will be bringing home a picture book to share with an adult. This will either be a school library book or a picture book with no words. The aim of these books is to encourage children to tell a story based on their own ideas using story language. Please share these books with your child and encourage them to talk about the story and the pictures. As children learn a bank of letter sounds **and** can blend these together to read words, then they will move on to the school reading scheme and we will send home simple reading books. The point at which this happens will be different for each child. The reading book will be accompanied by a Reading Record for you to record your comments and sign each time you listen to your child read. School will also record comments when your child reads in school.

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Reading

We expect that children will read at home **every** day. Your child will have their reading books changed during the school week and we aim to hear each child twice a week.

Spellings

Your child will receive a set of spellings on a Friday. Your child will have a weekly spelling test in class on a Friday. They will receive a new set of spellings each week. Therefore, they need their spelling books in their book bags on a Friday. Please support your child by regularly helping them to learn to read and spell the words on their list.

KIRFs

Your child will have already received their KIRFs for this half term. On the sheet are suggested activities and ideas you can do with your child. They will have a KIRF challenge every Wednesday, in which they will try to answer as many questions related to their KIRF in 2 minutes. This is a challenging task and we will work on the KIRFs in school too. Certificates are given out at the end of every half term; 10-15 questions correct earn a bronze, 15-20 questions correct earns a silver and all 20 questions correct earns a gold. They will have their KIRFs challenge every Wednesday and we will record their results in their reading record.

Dates

Thursday 14 September - Meet the Teacher @ 6.45pm and 7.15pm. There will be two meetings straight after each other for those parents/carers who need to attend more than one meeting.

Friday 15 September - TRAINING DAY

Wednesday 4 October - Early Literacy Information Evening @ 7pm

Thursday 5 October - Harvest Festival Worship @ 9am (All parents and carers are welcome to attend worship in the school hall on this day)

Tuesday 10 October - Parents' Evening @ 3.30pm

Wednesday 11 October - School photographs

Friday 13 October - Celebrating our Work Worship @ 9am - Every class shares something they have been learning about this half term. You are welcome to join us to celebrate all the work we have been doing.

Tuesday 17 October - Parents' Evening @ 5.30pm

Wednesday 18 October - Parents' Evening @ 3.30pm - Appointments will be sent out nearer the time

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me or make an appointment to see me.

Miss R Langley

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Mrs Duffy