

Year 1 Curriculum Letter
Spring Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. This letter is to provide you with information about the work your child will be doing this Spring term.

Language and Literacy

The children will learn most of their formal English through the Ruth Miskin Literacy Programme (**Read, Write Inc.**). They will be starting to form sentences independently and have sessions to improve their handwriting. The language work completed in school encourages children to develop their reading and writing skills through carefully planned activities based on stories and non-fiction books. When your child brings home a book from their phonics lesson, please remind them to bring it to school every day in their book bags. We encourage children to read a variety of books that will include home reading, shared reading in class and library books. Every **Friday** your child will have the opportunity to visit the class library and choose a book to share with you at home.

Your child's **Reading Diary** should be used when reading at home, and will be a useful form of communication between school and home.

The children have weekly writing lessons which link to the reading that they have been doing during the week.

We will continue to encourage the children to improve their speaking and listening skills through lots of questions. This can be continued out of school in their home language.

Mathematics

In the Spring term, the children will be learning how to solve subtraction sums involving hundreds, tens and units both vertically and horizontally and will also build upon their current knowledge of fractions. They will continue to develop their measuring skills by recording and solving problems with capacity and volume. In their geometry lessons they will be learning how to follow and give directions, including $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ turns as well as recapping and building upon their shape knowledge. They will be introduced to denominations of notes and coins and will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in role play situations. The children will also be taking part in daily "5 minute maths" sessions which will enable them to become confident with the calendar and different types of pattern work.

Non-Core Curriculum

Science

In Science the children will be looking at naming and identifying everyday materials while also distinguishing between an object and the material form which it is made from. The children will also compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties

History

In History the children will be learning about the Bronze Age, the Iron Age and focusing on the Celts. The children will look at when these periods of time took place and how they have impacted our lives nowadays.

Geography

In Geography the children will be focusing on the seven continents of the world. They will be looking at where the continents are on a world map, what countries are within these continents and the differing climates and weather conditions in them.

Art

The children will be learning about sculptures throughout the first half of the Spring term. They will be looking at the materials that sculptures can be made out of and the tools that can be used to obtain differing effects. They will get the opportunity to create their own sculptures using clay. They will then move onto studying architecture and how specific things are created.

Music

In music the children will be learning about the Orchestra. They will be focusing on the different elements of an Orchestra and the individual importance of them all.

R.E.

We will be looking at different religions this term. We will be finding out about the Hindu festival of Holi as well as other religious festivals and traditions. It is important that children are aware of different faiths as this encourages them to value and respect another's culture and beliefs.

Information, Communication Technology

The children will be learning that information exists in a variety of forms and will be using different programmes to show this. They will learn how illustrations can be created and found using technology and integrating them with an eBook.

P.E.

In PE we will be focusing on basic ball skills such as rolling and kicking and how to develop them into games with a partner. In gymnastics the children will be moving safely on and off apparatus. We remind you that children need a red polo shirt, navy blue shorts, black or navy tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls for P.E lessons. These should be kept in a drawstring bag and should all be labelled with your child's name.

Emerald class's P.E lessons will take place on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

Jade class's P.E lessons will take place on a **Monday** and **Friday**.

P.E kits need to be in school on all of these days. Please remember that long hair should be tied back and **no jewellery** should be worn on P.E. days for safety reasons.

Homework

Following our change in policy, homework will not be sent home regularly each week. Some children may receive targeted homework, but most children will receive spellings and library books to take home. We encourage you to work together with them on these. If you are searching for additional tasks please refer to your child's pupil profile targets for personal focus areas. Times tables are also a focus for the whole school, and practising at home really helps.

Read Aloud

The Read Aloud 2017 initiative was launched in February 2017, and encourages children and their parents to read aloud for at least 15 minutes each day. Children will record the minutes they read each night on a reading record that will be sent home. Reading plays an integral part of your child's learning so get involved!

Supporting your child's learning

There are many ways you can help support your child's learning at home:

- Reading stories to them and listen to them read regularly
- Regular visits to the local library
- Simple mathematical questions
- Discussions around what they have been doing in and out of school
- Web games
- Internet

Some useful websites: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/>
<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>
<http://www.oup.com/oxed/primary/mms/>
<http://www.andrelleducation.co.uk>

Reminders

- It is essential you send a letter clearly stating who will be picking up your child if you are unable to. If it is short notice please contact the office directly. We will not be releasing children to any adults unknown to us, even if the child knows them.
- Please ensure we have current telephone and mobile numbers and the emergency contact details are up to date.
- Please ensure that your child brings their **book bag** and **water bottle** to school every day.
- It is a parents/carers responsibility to ensure a child is in school on time every day.
- Please ensure that school uniform is followed accurately. An essential list has been sent out but you can obtain one from the school office too.

We hope you find the above information useful, if you have any questions please feel free to approach one of us.

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