

Engage, Enquire, Excel at Millfield

Year 1

Welcome back!

Hello and welcome to Year 1! We are really glad to see you are back in school and we cannot wait to embark on a new school year.

Engagement and Enquiry through our Learning Challenge

Our big idea for this period will be plants and much of our learning will be directly linked to this. The children will be spending time outside exploring the different plants and trees in our surroundings, as well as identifying and labelling the different parts of the plants. We will be transforming our environment to support the children's enquiry around plants, how they grow and what they need to survive.

English and Maths

As we are working as a unit providing continuous provision for the children to explore and learn, there will be opportunities for the children to engage with english and maths throughout the day. As well as these opportunities for maths and writing the children will take part in daily number and phonics sessions where they will be split into smaller groups. During the phonics sessions the children will be taught new sounds while recapping ones they have already been taught. During the number sessions they will be exploring place value, number formation and recognition.

The wider curriculum linked to our Learning Challenge: ‘

As our big idea for this period will be plants, the main subject focus for this topic is Science. We will be learning about different types of plants and trees, identifying and labelling different parts of plants and finding out what plants need to stay healthy. To do this, we will be using lots of scientific skills. These include: raising scientific questions, using observations to suggest answers and doing lots of practical activities to enquire scientifically.

Other subjects within the wider curriculum

Music - During the first half of the Autumn Term Year 1 will be focusing on the following in music: Old School Hip Hop style music, learning about Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch and how they work together, finding the pulse and moving to it, clapping, copying, playing and creating rhythms, exploring pitch by singing/playing high and low sounds, singing and rapping in small groups, improvising and composing simple melodies using simple rhythms and performing.

PE: We have two PE sessions a week. One will be taught by specialist PE coaches whose focus for this period will be circuits. In the other PE session, we will be focusing on dance, moving words and playground games.

PSHE: We will be having weekly circle times to explore the PSHE curriculum. Our focus for this period will be our feelings and emotions.

Useful Information

Home Learning: The children will receive weekly spelling, reading books (when they are ready) and sometimes we will set challenges on Tapestry.

PE Kit: Please have this in school all week as there are times when we may need to change the day PE takes place on.

Useful websites- for both children and parents

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/growing-ks1>