

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the new school year at Armfield Academy and your new class called **Buzzards**. We hope that you enjoyed the summer break and that your child is now looking forward to a happy and healthy start to Key Stage One. This Curriculum Map details some of the main aspects of learning we will be looking at this half term. The transition between EYFS and Year 1 can sometimes be challenging for pupils; therefore, time will also be spent on structured play-based learning in a Foundation-Stage friendly setting to help your child adjust. This will work alongside structured English, Phonics and Maths sessions, as well as challenges that will be set for your child to complete independently throughout the day and week.

Buzzards PE Days are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Your child should come into school wearing their Armfield PE kit on these days please and on **Tuesdays** ready for Healthy Heads.

Buzzards will be having their Class Assembly at 14.45 on Thursday 14th October to showcase their learning. Parents/Carers are invited to attend – more details to follow nearer the time.

In Maths

Throughout the first half term maths will focus heavily on learning number, place value, addition and subtraction skills. Alongside learning these skills there will be a strong emphasis on problem solving and explaining their work out. The children will use a range of practical equipment to support their learning.

In P.E.

Gymnastics and games. Led by Mr Walters and Miss Cairns.

As Musicians

Hey You – Singing and Performing.

As Geographers

As a Geographer Year 1 will be learning how to name and locate the four countries and their capital cities in the United Kingdom, on a map.

In Computing

E-Safety
Recognising technology in our lives
Digital art

In Literacy

Reading is one of the main priorities for our Year 1 children. Children will read to an adult in school three times a week through guided read sessions. Alongside reading, children will also be given weekly phonics sounds and tricky words to practice at home and children will also engage in phonics and letter formation sessions daily at school.

Linked to the reading we are going to help children develop writing through looking at:

Labels, lists and captions.
Character and setting descriptions

Our focus text this half term will be *Supertato* by Sue Hendra.



As Artists

As Artists we will be sketching self-portraits through a variety of different media. The children will explore adding careful details with charcoal and oil pastels. We will be looking at the artwork of Pablo Picasso.

As Scientists

As Scientists the children will be exploring the human body. This includes naming parts of the human body that they can see and linking the correct part of the human body to each

Superhumans

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In R.E.

Children will be learning about The Christian Creation Story and exploring the question: *Does God want Christians to look after the world?*

In PSHE

Health and wellbeing: This year the school is pleased to be running the Healthy Heads Education Programme combining PSHE and PE. This will start on Tuesday the 7th September and run for 1 hour every Tuesday morning for 5 weeks. The course will focus on resilience, self-esteem, teamwork, growth-mindset & kindness.