

Welcome to Year 1

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Themes and Topics in Year 1 2020-21

<u>Term</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Autumn 1	Super Humans
Autumn 2	Once upon a time...
Spring 1	Ahoy Me Hearties!
Spring 2	Knights and Castles
Summer 1	Oh I do like to be beside the seaside.
Summer 2	Our Planet

Homework

Reading

This year, children will continue to choose their own reading books and will change them on a designated day. Your child will be given a day on which they are heard read and will complete weekly guided reading sessions in class.

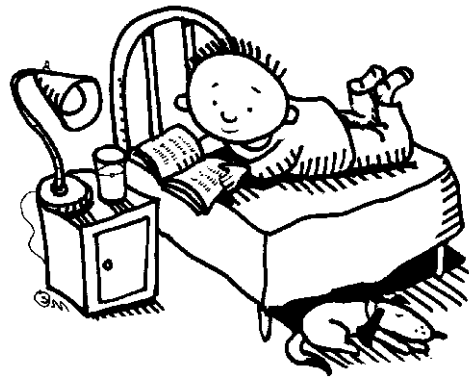
Children should be reading at home as often as possible and we recommend a few pages every evening with discussion to promote enjoyment of reading. We would also like to emphasise the importance of parents and carers reading to their children, (books that they would not necessarily be able to access independently), to further promote a love for reading and develop their vocabulary.

Please ensure your child brings their reading pack into school on a Friday so that a new book can be sent home on a Monday – more information to follow.

Phonics

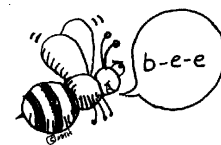
Throughout the year you may receive tricky word lists and specific sounds sent home to practise with your child. These will correspond with their learning in Phonics. Below are a few suggestions to help you support their learning at home.

Phonics Suggestions



Here are a few suggestions to help your child learn their phonics at home.

- Create a set of flash cards with the word on one side and the meaning on the other.
- Use alphabet magnets or scrabble tiles to spell out words.
- Write sentences for each word.
- Create a word search or crossword puzzle.
- Type the spellings on a computer.
- Write a story using all the spellings.
- Use 'Spelling City' website <http://www.spellingcity.com/> Parents can register for the free version and input your child's spelling word lists. Your child can then play games and activities or take practice tests on the site.
- Use Discovery Education's puzzlemaker tool <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker> . You can create a word search using your child's spelling words.
- Alphabetize the word list.
- Sit down with your child, two pencils and a piece of paper. Tell your child the spelling word you'll be practising and write the first letter of the word. Pass the



paper, so your child can add the next letter. You add the letter after that, repeating until the word is completed.

- Use old magazines or newspapers to find spelling words and cut them out.

Websites & Apps

<u>Websites</u>	<u>Apps</u>
www.phonicsplay.com	Hairy Letters 1 & 2
www.topmarks.co.uk	Dragon Box
www.bbc.co.uk/schools	Quick Maths
www.coolmath-games.com	Duolingo
www.funology.com	Jungletime
www.learninggamesforkids.com	Squeebles Timestables & Spelling
www.oxfordowl.co.uk	Cursive Writing Wizard

P.E

P.E will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your child should come into school wearing their P.E kit on these days.

Please ensure earrings are removed on P.E days. If your child is not wearing an appropriate P.E kit they will be unable to take part in the session and you may be contacted to discuss the situation if this happens on a regular basis.

School Website

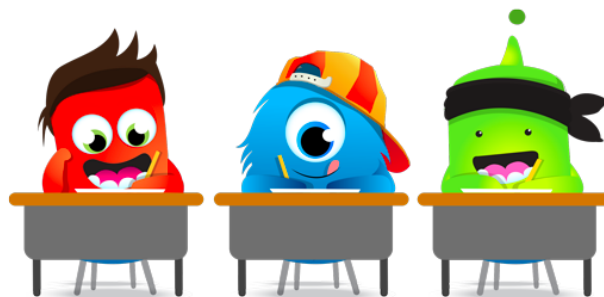
Please see the school website for up to date class information. Here is the link:
<https://www.armfieldacademy.co.uk/>

Behaviour

We have a positive approach to behaviour and ask for your support in managing the behaviour of your child in school. A copy of the behaviour policy can be found on the school website and you have any concerns please come and see us as soon as possible so that we can help find a resolution.

Dojos

To reward children for positive behaviours in school we use 'ClassDojo'. Throughout the year, your child will continue to build up their points from Reception, which have been carried over into Year 1. They will receive certificates for their efforts, which will be celebrated at an awards assembly each Friday. You as a parent can also share information through 'ClassDojo' as well as message the teacher directly about any concerns or queries you may have. We will try and respond to you as soon as we can within the school day.



Thank you!

