

Year 1 – Term 1 Information and Key Learning

Welcome to Year 1

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a lovely summer and your children are ready to learn lots of new and exciting things. The children have started Year One full of enthusiasm and smiles; they have done incredibly well to settle in and begin to learn the new routines of the school day. The information below explains the topics and the areas on which we will be focussing this term. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions; if we cannot provide quick answers easily we may ask you to arrange an appointment via the office.

Our learning this term

Our topic for the term is 'Curious creatures' which will develop to follow the children's interests and ideas. We have started the term with the story 'Mess Monsters' by Beth Shoshan and introduced the phrase "Choose it, use it and... put it away!" to encourage the children to put resources away when we have finished with them.

We will be starting next week with the story 'Beegu' and we look forward to seeing what this inspires!

In Maths this term we will be building on previous learning focussing on developing our understanding of numbers to 10 as numerals, words and a wide variety of pictorial representations. This will include counting forwards and backwards, finding one more and one less, comparing and ordering groups of objects and ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd).

Our Science this term will be naming parts of the body and identifying features of autumn. If the children find features of autumn in the garden or on the way to school please encourage them to bring them in or tell us about them. Later in the term our focus will shift towards Geography; we will be developing our awareness of the school environment and beginning to draw in plan view. To combine both of these aspects of the curriculum we will be taking a short walk through the countryside of Bridge and looking for signs of autumn. In RE we will be exploring the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?'

PE Lessons

Our PE lessons this term will be Tennis (with Stewart) on a Wednesday and Multi-skills on a Monday. Children need to come to school in their PE kit and do not need to bring their uniform in.

Reading Books

Children will be given three books to bring home and they will be changed once a week, on the day indicated on their reading record. Please help us by writing in the reading record which books they have read. Reading books and record should be in the children's bags everyday so that we can also hear them read in school. We would encourage you to hear your children read, or read to, them daily. We will continue to send a free choice book home each week and the children will have time to change these on a Friday.

Buster Book Club

We will be participating in Buster's Book Club which is a County wide scheme devised to encourage sharing books and reading at home, so please watch out for the slip that will come home every Wednesday evening for you to complete and return on Thursday morning. The idea is to record the number of minutes spent sharing books with, reading to or listening to your child read.

School Bags

We are strongly discouraging the children from bringing in rucksacks as we do not have space to store them. We would like the children to bring their bookbags along with their reading books every day. In addition, we have found cotton shopping bags very useful, these can be left on their pegs for children to put their jumpers in.

Meet the teachers and parent consultations for Year 1

Meet the teachers this year will be held via Zoom on Thursday 24th at 4pm. Parent consultations will also be held via Zoom on Thursday 1st October, between 9am-11am and 2pm - 5pm. Evening Zoom appointments will be held on Wednesday 7th October between 4pm and 7pm. Zoom details will be sent out shortly for both events.

English Key Learning Facts

Suggested Activities

I	to	she	you
no	into	we	was
go	he	me	all
the	be	her	my

- Make two sets of the words on pieces of card and play matching pairs.
- Write the words on pieces of paper and use them to build sentences.
- Build them with magnetic letters or by drawing around letter stencils.
- Practise writing them using different coloured felt tips, with water on a paintbrush a dry wall or ground outside.

Mathematics Key Learning Facts

Key aim: To know all the ways of making any given total to 5

Children should be able to work out and then instantly recall the following facts.

0+2=2	0+3=3	0+4=4	0+5=5
1+1=2	1+2=3	1+3=4	1+4=5
2+0=2	2+1=3	2+2=4	2+2=4
	3+0=3	3+1=4	3+2=5
		4+0=4	4+1=5

Key Vocabulary

+ add, plus
- minus, take away
= equals, is the same as

Initially the children need to be able to work out the totals using apparatus and then recall these facts quickly. By the end of the year the children are expected to be able to recall number bonds and related facts for all numbers up to 20. You could rehearse these addition facts by rolling dice, adding the numbers on dominoes or counting and adding groups of objects such as pasta or buttons. When the children are confident with these facts they should be able to extend this by recalling the related subtraction facts.

Thank you for your continued support.