

## Year 1 and Fox Class

We are looking forward to an exciting term exploring our theme 'Exciting Explorers'. During the day, there will be key whole class learning times for Phonics, Writing, Guided Reading and Mathematics. The children will then work on a range of teacher-led and child-initiated activities moving towards formal learning.

### Homework

Year 1 homework is reading and spellings. Spellings are set on a weekly basis. For more information please read the information on the front and back of the red spelling book. Children are tested on their spellings on a Friday at the back of their spelling books.

### PE

We take part in PE twice a week and if the weather allows they will be outdoor sessions. This term, your child will need shorts, tracksuit bottoms (in case of cold weather) and a t-shirt.

### School website

Please use our school website [www.clarendoninfants.com](http://www.clarendoninfants.com) for regular updates and copies of letters sent home.

### Outdoor Environment:

We will continue to use our outdoor area on most days unless it is raining very heavily. As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please provide a pair of wellies or outdoor shoes in a named carrier bag.

Please can you help us by making sure that all your child's clothes are clearly named and they have a clearly named water bottle — thank you.

We hope you find this booklet useful. We are always happy to meet with you and discuss your child's progress over the year. Please feel free to come and speak to your child's teacher or schedule an appointment if you have any concerns. We also have class email addresses which you can use to contact us on. These addresses are checked regularly and we will aim to get back to you during school times as soon as we can.

*Many thanks,*

The Year 1 Team

Mrs Daubney— KS1 Phase Lead (Foxes' Class Teacher)

Mrs R Drury — Foxes Class

Mrs Vallance—Hedgehog Class

Mrs Ormerod —Squirrel Class

# CLARENDON INFANT SCHOOL

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Year 1 and Fox Class  
Spring Term 1  
2025

## 'Exciting Explorers'



### **English**

In English, we will begin exploring the story of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. It is all about a little boy and his journey with a mysterious penguin! We will learn the story and enact it in different ways using masks and puppets. Once we have done this, we will retell the story in our own words. We will focus on developing our sentence techniques and using question marks at the end of a question. Finally, we will write our own versions of the story.

Also, we will continue our daily guided reading sessions and our initial focus will be making sure we all point to the words as we read. Each week we will explore a new book and the key information about it. In our Phonics sessions, we will focus on learning alternative sounds Level 5. We will learn to sound and blend four and five letter words using sounds we already know.

### **SCIENCE**

Our focus will be 'Everyday Materials'. We will explore different materials around us and the materials they will begin to identify their properties. They will then use this information to name them and ensure they can identify them.

### **COMPUTING**

We will start our Computing work by focussing on using computers safely and following our rules. We will learn how to complete digital painting using different technology.

### **MUSIC**

In Music, we will be exploring Football Music throughout the term.

### **MATHEMATICS**

In Mathematics, we will begin by developing our understanding of place value, working with numbers up to 50. We will work on addition by focusing on small steps such as adding by counting on (starting with the largest number), finding and making numbers as well as adding by making 10. We will then move on to subtraction and learn different strategies for taking away, focusing on learning how to take away when the number crosses 10 eg 14-6.

## **Spring Term 1 2025 Year 1 and Fox Class THEME: 'Exciting Explorers'**

### **HOMEWORK**

Spelling books are sent home on a Monday. The children will be given a list of spelling words to learn and practise in their spelling book. Please read at home daily with your child either from their home reading book or a book you have at home to share.

### **ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

This term, we will provide enrichment activities in the outdoor areas. We will have a range of different things linked to our main text 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

### **P.E.**

This term, we have two PE lessons. Our Thursday PE lesson is led by Coach David. This term we will be focussing on developing our gymnastic skills. We will be developing our balance and sequencing.

### **RE**

This term, we are focussing on the religion of Christianity. We will be exploring the question, "What does Jesus teach about God and parables?" We will explore what a parable is and some examples of parables in Christianity. Also, we will explore how ideas about God are passed through the community.

### **HISTORY**

We will be looking at different explorers who have explored the Antarctic. We will look at Edward Wilson and use this to help us develop an understanding of history.

### **ART**

In Art, we will be exploring the concept of sculpture. We will explore what they are and use this information to research our own sculptures. We will then create our own medals.

### **PSHE**

This term's theme is 'Diverse Britain.' We will learn about what it is like to live in Britain.