



## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term 1 2023

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this term	Additional notes
<b>English (speaking &amp; listening, reading, writing, phonics)</b>	<p>The children will be engaging in role-play and the retelling of stories in order to build their speaking and listening skills and they will also be engaging in a variety of writing activities in the different areas of our classroom. Reading will be addressed through shared reading sessions as a whole class, guided reading in small groups and phonic sessions. The children will continue to bring home a reading book and high frequency words. An adult in school will listen to each child read independently as often as possible. The children will be involved in the 'Reading Champions' initiative which encourages them to read by rewarding them for reading a given number of books. The children will also be able to access the library on a regular basis.</p> <p>Our focus text this half term is '<b>Lost and Found!</b>' by <b>Oliver Jeffers</b> and we will be doing lots of reading and writing activities based around this story. We will focus on; using some story language, describing the main character, describing the setting, attempting to write short sentences in meaningful contexts, leaving spaces between words and applying taught digraphs into our writing.</p>	<p>Please listen to your child read their book on a daily basis and record in their reading record that you have listened to them. Please also help your child to practise their spellings regularly. Please complete any home learning tasks which will be sent out and linked to learning in school.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>Number - Place Value within 10 with a focus on counting forwards and backwards, recognising, ordering and writing numbers to 10. One more and one less than a number up to 10.</p> <p>Number - Addition and Subtraction within 10.</p> <p>Number bonds within 10.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to look for numbers, shapes and patterns when you are out and about or around the home.</p>
<b>RE</b>	<p>The children will participate in whole school daily Acts of Worship.</p> <p>During our RE lessons we will explore the units '<b>God and Creation</b>' and '<b>Harvest</b>.'</p>	<p>This term, our Christian value focus is <b>'Thankfulness'</b> <b>'Always be Thankful'</b> <b>1 Thessalonians 5: 16</b></p>
<b>Computing</b>	<p>The children will have regular access to iPads and chrome books.</p> <p>They will explore '<b>Digital Writing</b>' in their computing lessons and this half term will be</p>	

	taught by Miss Sanders the Jam Coding team.	
<b>Science</b>	We are going to be investigating the topic ' <b>Animals including Humans</b> '. We will look at identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals; identifying, naming and sorting animals that are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores; naming, identifying and labelling parts of the human body and looking at the 5 senses.	Go on an Autumn walk. We would be very grateful for any things collected eg. conkers, acorns, sticks, leaves of different colours.
<b>PSHE</b>	Personal, social and health education is ongoing for the children and is taught across all areas of learning and at all times of the school day. We will be exploring the question ' <b>What is the same and different about us?</b> '	
<b>Geography</b>	In Geography we are going to be exploring ' <b>Seasons and Weather (hot and cold areas).</b> ' We will look at weather patterns in the UK; the impact of weather on our lives; identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world and use map skills to identify hot and cold areas of the world.	
<b>Art</b>	Each day they will have access to a painting easel and a craft area where they can make models and creations of their choice in addition to planned activities. We will be looking at ' <b>Textiles</b> ' with a focus on the artist <b>Gustav Klimt</b> .	
<b>PE</b>	The children are supported to improve both their gross and fine motor skills through a wide range of activities, both indoors and outdoors. We have two sessions of PE a week and during this half term the children will be working on ' <b>Fundamental Movement Skills</b> ' and ' <b>Playground Games</b> .'	PE days in Oak Class are Mondays and Wednesdays. Children must ensure their PE kits are in school, they will be sent home to be washed at the end of each half term.
<b>Music</b>	The children will take part in singing and creating music on their own and with others. They will also play a range of musical instruments and understand and explore how music is created and communicated. This term we will be looking at ' <b>My Musical Heartbeat</b> .'	

### **Any other useful information**

- A big focus for us this half term will be helping the children to settle back into the classroom environment and making sure they feel happy and safe.
- Please make sure the children are wearing full school uniform (no trainers) and that it is all labelled clearly with their name, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats!
- Please make sure children have access to their own named water bottle which we

will send home each night and you can refill daily.

- Please can you send in a pair of named wellies which can be kept in school as some of our learning will take place outdoors.
- The children will be given their own reading diary. This allows us to keep a record of books they have read and for you to make any comments about reading at home. The children will bring these home each day with their reading book, but they **must** be brought back to school **every day**.

### **A note for children and parents from Mrs Hunt**

A warm welcome back to our Year 1 children. I hope you have all had a lovely Summer break and are all ready for the new year ahead. I am really looking forward to being your teacher again this year and helping you to grow, learn and be the best you can be.

I also look forward to working in partnership with all the parents and families in Oak Class this year. We need to work closely as a team, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything I can help with or if you have any concerns or queries. I always try to be as available as I can and will always do my best to help.

Kind regards

Mrs K Hunt  
Oak Class Teacher