



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term 2 2023

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

Subject	Topic this term	Additional notes
<p>English (speaking & listening, reading, writing, phonics)</p>	<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, one to one reading with an adult and daily phonic sessions. The children will continue to bring home a reading book to read at home. An adult in school will listen to each child read independently as often as possible. The children will access the school library once every 4 weeks on a Friday where they will choose a library book to take home.</p> <p>Our focus text this half term is 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson and we will be doing lots of reading and writing activities based around this story. In Reading we will become familiar with key stories, retell stories and consider their particular characteristics, make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done, predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far and participate in discussion about what has been read to them.</p> <p>In Writing we will join words using '<i>and</i>', punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, use capital letters for names of people and sequence sentences to form short narratives.</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. They will be rewarded in class for this with a sticker.</p> <p>Please also help your child to practise their spellings regularly at home.</p> <p>Please complete any home learning tasks which are sent out and linked to learning in school. Again, they will be rewarded with a sticker.</p> <p>We also have Reading Champion Awards where children are given a star for every book read: 10 stars=Bronze certificate 20 stars=Silver certificate 30 stars=Gold certificate 40 stars=Diamond certificate 50 stars=Platinum certificate 60 stars=Pearl certificate</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>We will focus on; Number - Addition and Subtraction within 10. Number bonds to 10. Shape - 2d and 3d.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to look for numbers, shapes and patterns when you are out and about or around the home.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>The children will participate in whole school daily Acts of Worship. During our RE lessons we will explore the units 'Joseph' and 'Christmas'.</p>	<p>The children will join with Maple class to perform a Nativity at Christmas.</p> <p>This half term our Christian value focus is 'Compassion' and in our worship we will be reflecting on the meaning of the scripture: 'Clothe yourselves with</p>

		compassions, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience' Colossians 3:12
Computing	The children will have regular access to iPads and Chromebooks. They will access programs on the iPads on a daily basis to support their learning in all areas. The children will explore ' Digital Painting. '	
Science	We are going to explore the theme ' Animals including Humans - The Human Body ' where we will look at basic parts of the human body and explore 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.
PSHE	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. In our PSHE sessions will be exploring the question ' Who is special to us? '	
History	In History we are going to be exploring ' Significant Individuals - Queen Elizabeth 1 and Queen Victoria. ' We will look at similarities and differences, comparing aspects of life in the Elizabethan and Victorian ages, for example: dress, leisure, industry. We will also begin to understand that these times and events in history became linked to the reigns of monarchs.	
DT	We will have a focus on; ' Food - Healthy Plates ' making and tasting a variety of healthy foods. 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 the planned activities.	
PE	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 ' Fundamental Movement Skills ' and ' Dance. '	PE days in Oak Class are MONDAY and WEDNESDAY. Children must ensure their PE kits are in school, they will be sent home to be washed at the end of each half term.
Music	In music our theme is ' Dance, Sing and Play! ' 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. We will also be learning songs for the Christmas performance.	

A note for children and parents from Mrs Hunt

It has been a great first half term and we feel the Year One children have settled back really well and made a great start as year 1 in Oak Class. They have been amazing helping the new Reception children to settle in so quickly. I look forward to continuing to work 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