

Forest and Sandridge C of E Primary School

Curriculum Information Letter- Year 1 September 2023



Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you had a happy and eventful summer break. In this letter you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this Autumn Term in school.

Our Focus Values for the Autumn Term are Compassion and Courage.

Our Themes for the Autumn Term are: 'Me on the map' and 'Tremendous Toys'

English	<p>Phonics Focus: We start with a re-cap from Term 6 of Reception, before moving onto Year 1 phonics.</p> <p>Reading Focus: Segmenting and blending applying our phonics with a focus on keywords.</p> <p>Writing Focus: In Year 1, we will begin the year by focussing on using our phonics to help us sound out our words as well as beginning to use a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. As we move into Term 2, we will begin to add more detail to our sentences.</p>
Maths	<p>We will start off the year by looking at the place value of numbers up to 30, securing our number knowledge from Reception. We will use this knowledge to help us with addition and subtraction to 20. We will also be looking at basic 2d shapes and their properties.</p>
RE	<p>Our key question for Term 1 is 'Who made the world?'. We will be looking at the creation story and making sure children can re-tell this as well as being able to talk about what they are thankful for in our world. In Term 2, our key question changes to 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' where we will be looking at the Christmas story and deepening our understanding of why this is important in the Christian faith.</p>
Science	<p>Our first science unit will be 'Animals including humans'. We will be learning about our bodies, our five senses, how humans and animals are similar and different and what things we need in order to stay alive. We will also look at grouping animals and exploring their different habitats. Throughout the year, we will also be looking at the seasons and changes that occur with them.</p>
Computing	<p>Our first unit in computing this term is learning to develop an understanding of technology and how it can help us. The children will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills and start to consider how to use technology responsibly. We will also focus on 'Online Safety' throughout all lessons to ensure children continue to develop their understanding of how to stay safe when using the internet.</p>
PE + Sports	<p>This term, we will be practising our ball skills. We will use our bodies as well as equipment to help us develop these skills. We will play mini games to apply the skills learnt during the lessons. Term 2, we will focus on dance, leading up to our Lower School Nativity.</p>
History	<p>Term 2 will have a history focus. Our topic will change to 'Tremendous Toys'. We will be looking at and comparing toys from the past to the toys we play with now and exploring how they have changed over the years.</p>
Geography	<p>Term 1 will have a Geography focus. We are going to be thinking and learning about our local area. We will be using maps to locate areas as well as creating our own maps of the town. We also hope to go on a local walk during Term 1.</p>

Art and Design	Within art, we are going to be creating self-portraits. There will be a focus on drawing skills and how we use colour. Our focus artist is Maurice De Vlaminck.
D.T	In D.T, we will be looking at mechanisms and levers, exploring how they work and using these to make an exciting Christmas card.
PSHEE/SRE	In Term 1, our PSHEE topic will be 'Being me in my World'. This offers children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community and to contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair community for all. In Term 2, we will look at 'Celebrating difference' to gain an understanding of what it means to be the same and different to our peers and in our community.
Music	Throughout the Autumn term, we will be using our voices and bodies to explore sounds and beat. We will be singing songs, rhymes and using instruments to find the beat.
Attendance	This year we have a school target of 97% for all pupils. It is very important that your child attends school every day that they are fit and well. Please check our website or telephone the school office if you are unsure about whether to send your child into school or not. Pupils with attendance of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and pupils with attendance in danger of falling to this level will be invited into school for support and an action plan (to restore their attendance to a level that will allow them to achieve well at school).
Learning at Home	Please try to read with your child at least 5 x per week and record this in their reading records. This will make a difference to their reading progress. Children can choose a homework activity to complete each week from the homework book. These will be shared in class after completion.
Important Information	Reading books will be changed every Monday. Please ensure reading books and records are sent into school every day. PE will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full, named kit in school. We will send it home regularly to be washed. Please ensure all lunchboxes, drinks bottles, clothing, wellies, etc are named. This really helps if your child misplaces them at school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on Class Dojo.

Mrs Tiddy, Miss Gingell and Mrs Johnson