

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Autumn Term 2025

We are Year 1: Louis Braille



Welcome to Year 1

We would like to warmly welcome you back to the start of a new academic year; it is lovely to meet all of the children and to start to get to know them! We are sure it will be a very productive year for every child and look forward to working closely with you and watching them grow and learn over this time! This is an important year for the children as they transition from Early Years to Key Stage 1; adjusting to a new environment, with new routines and with the same high expectations for work ethic and perseverance. Children will continue to develop their reading with daily reading lessons, explore new texts including fiction and non-fiction and continue to develop their number fact knowledge in maths lessons.

What are we learning this term?

Home reading

Please continue to read regularly with your children at home and record this in their Home School Reading Diary. Every time they read, they will gain a star on their card in the front of the diary and when it is full they will be rewarded for their effort with a prize from the Head teacher. Your child should bring in their Home School book every day. We will be changing books regularly, however they are welcome to read their own book from home or to choose a reading for pleasure book from school.

English

As writers, we will start by reading the text 'The Tiger who came to Tea', by Judith Kerr, then retelling the story before writing a new version of our own by changing the characters. Texts to follow will be 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham and 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. Year 1 will also explore rhyme while reading the book 'Oi Frog'. We will continue with handwriting lessons to ensure that children form their letters correctly. Grammar and spelling will be taught weekly too.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will begin with place value, focussing on numbers to 10 and then to 20. Children will practise addition and subtraction, and learn some number facts by heart. We will further the children's understanding of length as well as 2D and 3D shape. Children will continue to have a weekly mental maths test and daily fluency practice.

P.E.

As athletes, there will be a focus on fundamental PE skills this term, developing children's running, jumping and skipping. Children will also practise their throwing and catching skills. Later units of work will include gymnastics and dance. PE days are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** and some lessons will be taught by a specialist PE coach. Children should wear their PE kit to school on PE days, but earrings and other items of jewellery must be removed and long hair should be tied back.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - Toys

Geography - My School

Science - Seasonal Change

- Everyday Materials

Computing- Creating Media

Art - Make your Mark

D.T. - Making a moving card

R&W - How does a celebration bring a community together?

RSE- My Happy Mind and Healthy Me

History

This term in History, the children will be studying Toys. We will be learning about the toys we play with now days and the toys our parents and grandparents played with.

Geography

As geographers, the children will explore our school grounds, looking for human and physical features. They will make simple maps and show routes they take.

RWV/ RSE

As theologians, in RWV we will explore the question, 'How does a celebration bring a community together?' with a focus on the Christian and Muslim religions. In RSE, lessons will focus on recognising feelings, building positive relationships and staying healthy.

Computing

As technicians, the children will explore the tools used to create digital pictures. They will consider if they prefer the picture they created digitally or with paint and crayon. The children will use the Ipads to support learning number facts through Numbots and other online maths programmes.

Science

In Science, the children will study everyday materials. They will explore the materials in their environment, naming them and discovering their properties. Year 1 will investigate which materials are strong and which are waterproof. Lessons on seasonal change will be taught through the year. Children will observe changes as autumn progresses.

Art/ DT

In Art, the children will explore mark making and line, working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces. For Design and Technology, they will design and make a card with moving parts, while learning about simple mechanisms.

Notes ...

In Year 1, homework will be set online. There will be no homework books. Our homework focus this year is **consistently reading five times a week** at home as well as accessing:

Numbots - please aim for 3x per week www.numbots.com

Spelling Shed- weekly www.edshed.com

Logins are now in the Home School book for all three websites.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a **Friday**.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day -filled **only** with water!

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated! Miss Drake