

Year 1 CURRICULUM LETTER

Summer 1 2025

Staff:

A warm welcome back!

*The class teachers in Year 1 are Mrs Clough (1C) and Mrs Walton & Mrs Shaikh (1SU).
We are supported by our wonderful Learning Support Assistants, Mrs Patel, Ms Eastham and Mrs Desai.
Mrs Allad will be carrying out interventions this term.*

Junior Jam coaches will be covering the classes on Wednesday afternoons.

If you need to speak to us, please see us after school or ring the school office to make an appointment. You can also send a message via Class Dojo to the class teacher and they will respond once they are able. If it's urgent, please ring the office.

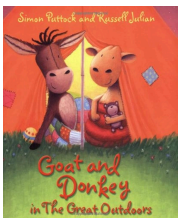
Key information:

P.E – This half-term PE will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure **all jewellery is removed** on these days and the children have their PE kit in school to get changed into.

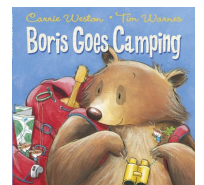
Reading Books – Please make sure when you read with your child you sign the diary. It is very important time is spent with your child allowing them to apply the phonic sounds learnt in lessons. Please can parents also ensure books are kept in the plastic wallets as we have many books being returned damaged and ripped. There will be a £10.00 charge for any damaged books. Children will also be bringing home a library book each week. Please ensure it is returned each Friday for it to be exchanged.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW NUTS IN PACKED LUNCHES AS WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES.

English



In English, this half term we are looking at stories with familiar settings. We will read a range of stories with familiar settings, and we will discuss how the setting the author chooses makes a big impact on the story. We will use the texts to discuss the main characters and events in the stories. We will use repetition and patterns in the story to learn how to retell the story orally and sequence the events. We will continue to apply our phonic knowledge and skills to decode words. We will finish the unit by



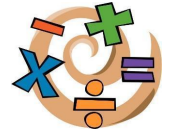
"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



writing our own version of the story, making sure we re-read every sentence to check if it makes sense. We will begin to apply the skills learnt during our grammar sessions to ensure when writing we use punctuation to demarcate sentences (capital letters and full stops) and begin to add joining words to our sentences.

We will then move onto a unit of work on information booklets. We will learn how to write an information booklet for a specific audience, and by the end we will have created our own booklet.

Maths



In Maths this half term we will begin by looking at measures, including heavy and light, and full and empty. We will be measuring and comparing mass and capacity. We will then move on to counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will learn how to sort amounts into equal groups, make arrays, doubles, and look at how to group and share amounts. In our fractions lessons we will learn about half and quarter of shapes, objects, and amounts.

Religious Education



In our RE lessons, we will be learning about Baptism. We will be finding out about what baptism is, and how people are baptised. We will learn about the promises people make when they are baptised and what makes a person feel they are part of God's family. We will then go on to learn about how other faiths welcome new babies especially in the Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh faiths.

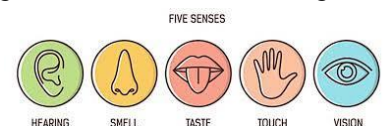
Physical Education

Wednesday's PE sessions will be taught by Junior Jam. The focus of these sessions will be on teaching the children the skills to play quick cricket. They will learn the fundamentals of using the bat correctly and improving their hand-eye coordination and catching skills.

Friday's PE sessions are on building the children's key gross motor skills, focusing particularly on throwing and catching. The children will be able to demonstrate a range of gross motor skills, such as catching balls of different sizes and throwing a ball/beanbag accurately.

Science

In our Science lessons we will be learning about the human body and labelling parts of it. We will also learn about the five senses and the body part that is associated with each sense. We will be revising the Seasons topic and learning about Spring and Summer. We will learn about seasonal changes and look at the change in plants and trees as well as weather.





Computing

Our Computing sessions will be taught by Junior Jam. During the lessons pupils will learn the fundamentals of the internet and digital device safety. They will be introduced to different real-life scenarios and develop different strategies to stay clear of or to deal with potential situations that could arise when online.

Art

In Art we will be learning about self-portraits. We will look at famous self-portraits and use collage materials to create our own. We will also be making self-portraits from paint, clay and sketching pencils.

Music

In our Music lessons we will be learning songwriting with glockenspiels and will understand soundscapes, play body percussion, explain a beat, identify themes, and use music to tell a story.

Personal, Social, Health Education

During our PSHE sessions this half term, we will begin by using 'My Happy Minds' teaching materials to learn about and understand why gratitude matters and how we can develop gratitude as a habit as it is key to wellbeing and resilience.

Following this we will use 'Kidsafe' materials to look at ways we can keep ourselves safe and what to do if we need help.

