



Year 1 CURRICULUM LETTER

Spring 1 2025

Staff:

A warm welcome back and Happy New Year!

The class teachers in Year 1 are Mrs Clough (1C) and Mrs Walton & Mrs Shaikh (1SW). We are supported by our wonderful Learning Support Assistants, Mrs Patel and Ms Eastham. 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.

Any concerns/problems – If you have any concerns or worries about your child, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or send a message on Class Dojo.

English



In English this half term we will begin by looking at the classical story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will use the text to discuss the main characters and events in the story, and the children will learn to develop and demonstrate their understanding of characters and

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

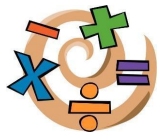


events through role play and drama. We will use repetition and patterns in the story to learn how to retell the story orally and sequence the events. We will continue to apply our phonic knowledge and skills to decode words. We will finish the unit by writing our own version of the story. We will make sure we re-read every sentence to check it makes sense when writing and use punctuation to demarcate sentences (capital letters and full stops).

We will then move onto a unit of work on instructions. We will learn about when instructions are used, why they are helpful and what needs to be included in a good set of instructions. We will discuss the importance of following instructions in the correct order and how to read and follow simple written instructions. We will learn to analyse the key features of written instructions and use text marking to highlight key words and phrases. We will then write our own set of instructions focussing on what we have learnt.

Maths

This half term in Maths we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will also look at numbers between 11 and 20 and look at how the numbers are made up and their value as well as how to write them correctly. We will be practising '1 more' and '1 less' than a number to 20 and using a number line to find these. We will be learning our doubles to 10+10 and using these to know near doubles. We will continue to learn our number bonds to 20 and use these to solve addition problems. We will add by counting on and subtract by counting back or finding the difference.



Religious Education



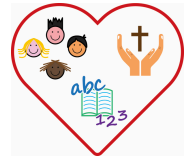
Our RE this half term will be focussing on why Jesus was special. We will begin by looking at Jesus' miracles in the Gospels, found in the New Testament, and we will retell these stories through drama and art. We will begin to make connections between Bible stories and Christian beliefs. We will learn about why Christians believe the miracles in the Bible reveal Jesus as the Son of God.

Physical Education

Wednesday's PE sessions will continue to be run by Junior Jam instructors. The children will be focussing on Basketball and learn about techniques such as dribbling, passing, ball control and shooting. They will practise different types of passes, such as chest, shoulder, and overhead passes and will begin to show understanding of basic rules, teamwork and good sportsmanship.



Friday's PE sessions will be focussing on 'Catching'. The children will learn how to catch a ball, how to pass the ball to a partner so they can catch it and what tactics can be used when throwing and catching a ball.



History

In our History lessons we will be learning about 'Toys'. We will be comparing toys that we play with now to toys in the past. We will learn about how we can tell toys are old and then investigate the types of toys our parents and grandparents may have played with.



Computing

Our computing sessions will be taught by Junior Jam. During iMove, pupils will learn about 'Stop Motion' animation. They will learn a number of animating skills to create their own stop motion animations on an iPad. The children will have to create a plot and overcome the challenges involved in animating multiple objects and characters within each frame.

Art



In Art we will be exploring lines. We will look at the artist Bridget Riley and learn about different types of lines and how we can use different resources to create them. We will then use what we have learnt to create work in the style of the artist.

Music

In our Music lessons we will be learning about percussion instruments and how to play and compose using them. We will learn and use the terms rhythm and tempo correctly and be able to follow instructions from a conductor. We will learn how to count rhythms in time and independently, including rhythms containing crotchet, quavers and minims.

Science

In our Science lessons we will be learning about 'Plants'. We will be learning to identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees, and those classified as deciduous and evergreen. We will then learn to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common plants including roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.



Personal, Social, Health Education

During our PSHE sessions this half term, we will be using 'My Happy Minds' teaching materials to learn about our character and how it makes us unique and special. We will learn how to use our character strengths and identify when others are using them to be our best selves.



READING

Please read with your child daily. It doesn't need to be the whole book; 5 to 10 minutes is sufficient. Please sign the reading diary, this lets the teacher know they have been heard at home. We encourage children to read and reread books to become fluent. Parents who support their child with reading at home make more accelerated progress at school. **Ensure reading books are kept in your child's red reading bags**, so we can listen to them read in class daily.

There will be a charge of £10.00 for any lost or damaged reading books.

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