

September 2023

**Curriculum Newsletter for Parents**

**Year 1 Class Teachers: Miss Smith and Miss Tejuoso**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this term. Please feel free to talk to the Class teacher about any area of this curriculum.

**Mathematics**

This Autumn term children will be learning about number and place value to 20. They will be using a range of resources such as tens frames and number lines to support their learning. Once children have developed a good understanding of this, they will use their new knowledge and skills to practice adding and subtracting numbers to 20.

Furthermore, in *Geometry*, children will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

**English**

Children will learn to talk confidently about high quality picture books and their responses to them. They will explore how language is used effectively to paint a picture for the reader and deepen their understanding. Children will look at how words and pictures are used in picture books to deepen the reader's understanding of the story. They will explore important themes of friendship, loss, courage and perseverance. Children will explore the story through a variety of teaching approaches including drama and role-play. They will complete a variety of writing tasks, including: lists, labels and captions, letter writing, character descriptions, and writing in role from a character's perspective.

Children will be learning that sentences need capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They will be introduced to technical terminology (Nouns, Pronouns and Verbs).

**Computing**

**E-Safety**

Children will be learning that they should stay safe online by choosing websites that are good for them to visit, and avoid sites that are not appropriate for them. They will understand that they need permission to be online and that they should never talk to anyone that they don't know.

**Computer Skills**

Children will learn the basic computer skills that they will need in order to be able to use a desktop or laptop computer. They will learn how to use a computer mouse and how to switch on and shut down a computer. They will apply their mouse skills by launching applications, manipulating windows and opening and saving files and folders. The children will also practice their clicking skills and learn how to drag objects.

**Science**

**Changing Seasons**

In this unit children will learn that there are four seasons, the names for these seasons and that there are differences between them. They will identify and design weather symbols for the different types of weather they are likely to experience across the seasons. Children will work scientifically by making observations, taking measurements, recording and comparing their findings.

**Materials**

In this unit children will have identified and named common types of materials such as wood, metal, plastic and some liquids and powdered solids. They will have labelled, collected and grouped together objects made from the same material. They will state that different objects can be manufactured from the same materials. They will say why some materials are unsuitable for some objects.

**P.E.**

In PE this term children will focus on a range of skills such as agility, balance and coordination. They will also deepen their understanding of running and use their hands to bounce, stop and pass a ball in a controlled manner.

**Music**

Children will listen to music from a range of styles and genres. Throughout these pieces, they will develop their listening, appraising, composing, improvising, and

**P.S.H.E.**

Children's mental health and wellbeing is even more at the forefront of all our learning this year. Through our PSHE lessons this term children will develop their understanding of rights and responsibilities, choice and consequences. They

	performing skills.	will also reflect on friendships and differences within our class.
<p><b>History</b></p> <p>Children will learn about important changes within living memory and beyond living memory. They will do so by exploring different toys that were popular throughout history.</p> <p><b>Geography</b></p> <p>Through exploration of the local area, children will identify features of where we live and form opinions. In addition, they will look at maps and begin to locate countries within the UK.</p>	<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>In Art, children will have the opportunity to develop their drawing and painting skills. They will explore thickness of lines, use of colour and create artwork that they are proud of.</p> <p><b>D.T.</b></p> <p>Children will learn how to make levers and sliders. They will then explore where and when they are found in everyday objects e.g. birthday cards.</p>	
<p><b>Key Information</b></p> <p><b>Homework</b></p> <p>Homework will be issued on a Friday and is due in the following Tuesday. Please ensure it is completed and handed in on time. All details about Homework can be found in your child's homework books.</p> <p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>Reading books are changed on Mondays however, children need to bring their reading book and reading record to school every day. Please ensure you comment in your child's reading record when they have read to you, as otherwise their book cannot be changed. Ideally, we would like children to be reading at least five times per week in order to support their phonic development and recognition of words.</p> <p><b>Spellings</b></p> <p>Spellings will be issued on Fridays as part of your child's homework. In order for your child to be successful with learning their weekly spellings, please support them to practice them regularly throughout the week. They will have a Spelling Test on Friday mornings.</p>		