Autumn Term Year 1- What will we be learning this term?

Important Information

'Aspire, Believe, Achieve, Thrive'- our motto is one that we truly believe in and should be instilled to all of our pupils. The school and parents working in partnership is part of this. Throughout the term you, as parents/guardians, can help your child's learning in a number of ways:

- The PE timetable changes each fortnight (for both classes) so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE days.
- Homework will be given out on Fridays and collected on Wednesday. You can submit your homework via Google classroom or by hand to your child's teacher.
- Spellings will be given out on Friday and tested the following Friday (not for every child)
- Individual reading books should be brought into school daily and read at home. Children will be reading to their teachers at least once a week and are able to change their books as and when they wish.
- The children should bring a named water bottle in to keep in class containing only water.
- Please always bring a jacket to school- in case it rains!
- Finally please make sure all of your child's uniform, PE kit and bags are clearly labelled to prevent any items becoming lost.

English

Reading

Children will have their reading books as well as a library book to read for pleasure in their book bags. Please listen to your child read their book, encourage them to talk about their stories, predict what may happen next. Discuss what they could do differently if they were the characters and so on. Please remember to sign the reading record daily. Reading five times each week with five signatures in your child's reading record gives them a star on their chart. When their chart is full their names goes into a prize draw in order to increase their chance of winning a prize at the end of the term. Reading daily will also encourage children's love for reading and will also enable them to progress quicker.

We will be continuing with our phonics scheme called 'Read Write Inc' which has proven to be successful. To continue to aid your child's learning we would recommend that you ask your child to tell you the sounds they have learnt each day, support them when learning their (phonics related) weekly spellings. If you are having trouble with this please speak to your child's teacher who can help.

Writing

As writers In English we will be looking at fiction writing that encapsulates our theme. We will be concentrating on a range of skills from using capital letters, full stops and the use of grammar. We will encourage children to spell words using their phonics knowledge as well as remembering how to spell high frequency words. Please support them with this at home, where possible.

Science

As scientists we will be exploring and naming different materials. We will be looking at the materials different toys are made from and why. We will think about and investigate whether materials are natural or manufactured and where they come from. We will explore properties of different materials and carry out tests to find out which materials are suitable for different uses, e.g. the best material to make a rain hat.

Every year our planet experiences four seasons: autumn, winter, spring and summer. The children will learn

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be concentrating on numbers, counting, ordering and simple addition and subtraction. To help support your child's learning try to help them practise counting to 20, then 50, then 100. You can also ask what number is 1 more or less than a number as well as 10 more and 10 less.

Over the term we will be revising 2D shapes and 3D shapes and learning the properties of these shapes. We will also look at shapes and patterns. At home you can support your child by looking out for numbers and shapes in the local environment.

Toys over time

Welcome to Year One, we hope you have had a restful break and that your child thoroughly enjoys their time in this year group. Our first topic for this term is 'Toys over time'. This exciting theme will give us the opportunity for children to look into toys in detail and understand more about them, they will also look into the history of toys.

History

As historians we will be learning about Toys from the past and how they differ to the ones we have now. We will sort old and new toys and also look at the timeline of different toys and how they have changed over time. We will have some great opportunities to incorporate our history and science lessons together.

Art and Design & Technology

As artists we will be working with Mrs Harper in the studio. We will be using a range of materials and skills to create pictures, collages and models of toys.

In class we will also focus on cutting, colouring and folding as well as looking at different materials. We will use our English text 'Paper Dolls' in order to give each task a purpose.

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Computing

Computing lessons are taught by our specialist Mr Taliana. As programmers we will be learning about lists of instructions known in computing as 'Algorithms'. We will also learn how to correct any errors with our algorithms, this is known as 'Debugging'. We will learn through a variety of games and activities in the computer suite, on the iPads and through unplugged sessions. After half term we will be creating digital greetings cards in time for the festive holiday.

- How Computers Work
- Mouse Skills

Music

Music lessons will be taught by our specialist teacher Mr Scorgie. As Musicians we will be learning how to improve our singing voices. We shall learn about posture and good breathing as well as the importance of clear diction. We shall explore the range of our voices in relation to pitch, dynamics and duration. We shall learn a bank of songs culminating in an end of term performance. We can't wait for you to hear what we have learnt.

Religious Education

In RE we will be learning about who Christian are and what they believe in. We will also be looking at what festivals different religions celebrate such as how Christians celebrate Christmas, Hindus celebrate Diwali and many more.

Physical Education

As sportsmen and women we will be developing core skills that are essential for most sports over the autumn term. We will have PE with our class teacher learning invasion games, and PE with the specialist PE teacher Mrs Newport, learning multi skills. Within multi skills we will develop our agility which involves changing direction at speed, balance, co-ordination and speed. All of these skills are essential for success within different game situations. We will also start to discuss the changes to our bodies when we exercise.

Geography

As Geographers we will be taking a trip to explore our local area and parks. We will observe and identify human and physical features within our environments.

We aim to strengthen our understanding of the characteristics that define physical and human features. Children will continue to develop their knowledge about diverse places, people, resources together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

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