

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements in Year 1.

Your children have been working so hard with their learning so far this year, and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Class	Year 1 - Tigers and Pandas		
Class Teachers	Miss Pooley (Tigers) Miss Curl (Pandas)		
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs Seymour Mrs Forster In cases of illness or training, other teachers may be in the classroom.		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Whitbread Mrs Duguid Mrs Williams Mrs Morris		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. Mathletics home learning is set to help children practise and reinforce numeracy skills taught in school. Please also continue with daily reading at home.		
Reading books	Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and hear your child read for at least 10 minutes each day. Also, remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child, indicating the page number reached. Again, any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits	Our PE day is Thursday. Please ensure a named PE kit is in school on this day Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
Planned trips this year	Trip to Birdworld- Monday 21 st May 2018		
Themes this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Amazing Ashford, Amazing me!/ Toy Story!	African Adventures/Built to last	Eco Warriors/ Superheroes

In addition to this, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the learning that will be taking place in subjects across the curriculum, so that you can support your child at home. If you have any questions about this, speak to the class teacher.

Literacy

This term, in keeping with our theme, we will be looking at the stories 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Tidy'. We will be learning how to join sentences to create short narratives. We will be writing explanation texts about how to plant a seed and what it needs to grow. After half term we will be looking at the stories 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants' and 'Supertato'. We will be writing our own superhero stories.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about money looking at the different coins and their value, we will be using our skills of addition and subtraction to help us solve problems of amounts and change. We will continue to look at place value and be using the language of more than and less than.

RE

In R.E. we will be learning about the story of Creation and about how God created the world. We will consider how the world has changed and what we can do to look after it. After half term we will be returning to looking at Judaism, focussing on Jewish celebrations and special times. Through our collective worship we will explore the Christian values of reverence and justice.

PE

This term we will be focussing on playing games, using large and small balls to help us develop our gross motor skills and ability to use controlled and balanced movements. We will also be working on athletic skills of running, throwing and catching. A number of the PE sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing in their PE bags which should all be clearly labelled.

ICT / Computing

ICT will be used throughout this term to enhance other areas of the curriculum. The children will be working in groups to use interactive games that are relevant to their learning.

Themed work

Our theme this half term is 'Eco- Warriors' and the children will be learning all about the environment and how to take care of it. We will also be looking at different plants, trees and woodland animals. We will be using our creative skills to create different art work around plants and build bird feeders. After half term our theme is 'Superheroes' where we will be learning about different places in the world. We will also look at Superheroes in our everyday lives such as Doctors, Nurses, the police and fire brigade.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to catch one of the Year 1 team and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks again for your continued support.
Miss Curl and Miss Pooley

