

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 Teacher	Mrs Apps and Miss Curl		
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs Seymour (Wednesday mornings and all day Thursday in Tigers) Mrs Forster (Wednesday mornings in Pandas) In cases of illness or training, other teachers may be in the classroom.		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Whitbread Miss Jones Mrs Duguid		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Friday. Mathletics is set to help children practise and reinforce maths skills taught in school, Spellodrome activities are also available. 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 days are Mondays. Please ensure a named PE kit is in school on these days. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
Planned trips this year	Autumn – walk to St Matthews Church tbc		
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 story 'Funny Bones' and recognising and re-creating familiar settings and predictable language in stories. We will also begin to look at non-fiction writing paying particular attention to captions and labels when we create a small book about ourselves. After half term our theme will be toy story and we will be reading various stories about toys together and re-writing adventures for our own toys.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning to count to and from, recognise and form numbers to 30. We will begin to look at the concept of addition and subtraction focussing on number bonds to 10. We will also begin to learn the names and properties of common 2D and 3D shapes and explore non-standard measurement.

RE

In RE we will be learning about how and where we belong in our everyday lives and what it means to belong to a religion particularly the Christian faith. After half term we will be learning about home and family, looking at Jewish families and the festival of Shabbat. We will also be finding out about a Christian home at Christmas. We will also be exploring the Christian value of Wisdom.

PE

This term in PE we will be focusing on games, using large and small balls to help us develop our gross motor skills and ability to use controlled and balanced movements. 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 'Amazing Ashford, Amazing Me' and the children will be working from the enquiry question 'What makes me who I am?' We will be particularly focussing on where in the world England is and the geography and history of Ashford. We will also be exploring the wonder of the human body and what makes us amazing. We will be using our creativity to learn about different artists who painted the people and world around them and also exploring how we can use our senses to create our own unique pieces of artwork. After half term our theme will be Toy Story and our enquiry question will be 'What's in the toy box'. During this theme we will learn together about the history of toys focussing particularly on bears and how toys have changed over time. We will be creatively designing and making our own toys and toy boxes. The Christmas period will involve lots of role play in Santa's workshop and seasonal songs in music.

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 Mrs Apps

