

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.

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| Class | Year 1 - Tigers and Pandas | | |
| Class Teachers | Mrs Apps (Tigers) Miss Curl (Pandas) | | |
| 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 Mrs Duguid Miss Jones | | |
| Home learning | All homework will be sent home on a Thursday. Mathletics web site homework 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 Monday. 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 | | | |
| 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 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and learning to join sentences to create short narratives. We will be learning to listen to and appreciate poetry as well as learning and performing verses of poems about animals. After half term we will concentrate on non-fiction writing as we learn all about houses and homes through history focussing particularly on castles, what they were for and who lived in them.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning to use non-standard units of measurement to describe and compare lengths of different objects. We will begin to use number lines to support our addition and subtraction when solving word problems. We will learn all about what fractions are and practise finding halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. Our learning about time will continue as we begin to explore quarter to and quarter past times.

RE

Through our collective worship we will be exploring the Christian value of hope. In R.E. we will be learning about how special clothes can be important in different religions and why people wear particular clothes to show what they believe and where they belong. After half term we will learn some new stories from the Bible and think about who Moses was and why he is important to Jews and Christians. We will learn about the Passover and how Jewish people still celebrate this with a special meal today. This will lead us into our learning about the importance of Easter for Christians all around the world.

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 'African Adventures' and the children will be learning all about the different animals that we don't usually see in our local area. Together we will learn to classify animals as mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds as well as whether they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. We will learn about some of the history of Africa through the life of the explorer David Livingstone. After half term our theme is 'Built to Last' where we will consider some of the homes people have lived in through history. Our focus will be on Castles and the children will learn all about what they were for and who lived in them in history. In science we will explore different materials and investigate their strengths and properties.

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

