



Yearly 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	Miss Pooley and Mrs Cox		
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs Seymour- Tigers (Tuesday Mornings) Miss Gallant/Mrs Issacs-Tigers (Thursday Afternoon). Mrs Issacs- Pandas- (Tuesday Mornings). Miss Gallant- Pandas- (Tuesday Afternoon- Until 4/10/19).		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Whitbread Mrs Morris Mrs Williams		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday and should be handed back in on a Tuesday. Please also continue with daily reading at home.		
Reading books	Children should hand in their reading diary every day. Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home and there is a comment in their diary. 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, with a comment on how your child found the book.		
PE kits	Our PE days are Thursdays Please ensure a named PE kit is in school on these days. Any Jewellery should be removed, especially earrings as we cannot remove them. Children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons. A number of PE sessions may be outside so black tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt may be included.		
Planned trips this year	Autumn: Walk to Ashford High street. Chertsey Toy Museum. Spring: African Drumming. Other trips and visits are yet to be planned.		
Themes this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Amazing Ashford, Amazing me/ Toy Story.	African Adventures/Built to last.	Eco Warriors/ Superheroes.

Each half a term we will be sending home a theme overview. This is a useful document that explains how the theme will be taught throughout the foundation subjects. It gives practical ideas of how you can support your child at home and includes suggestions for extra – curricular activities to do as a family. Furthermore, it gives a list of spellings and key vocabulary that are relevant to the theme. If you have any questions about these themes, please speak to the class teacher.

English

In English we are going to be focusing on writing sentences using finger spaces, full stops, capital letters, simple adjectives and the conjunction, 'and'. Our non-fiction focus will be writing lists and information booklets where the children will write about their senses. In fiction writing the children will be writing narratives based on stories they have heard. We will be using a range of books to enhance their understanding and expand their vocabulary, e.g. Funny Bones, That Pesky Rat, Tidy, Lila and The Secret of The Rain.

Maths

In Maths, over the year we will be focusing on counting, reading and writing numbers to 100, and understanding place value. We will also look at new concepts, including the use of the part whole and bar models to help children gain an in-depth understanding of addition and subtraction. Children will begin to understand basic multiplication skills through learning how to skip count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will also begin to learn the names and properties of common 2D and 3D shapes and explore non-standard measurement, including money and time.

RE

In R.E. 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, including finding out about a Christian home at Christmas. We will also be learning about home and family, looking at Jewish families and the festival of Shabbat.

PE

This term in PE we will be focusing on using space and focusing on developing our gross motor skills. We will also be working on balancing in different ways. A number of the PE sessions may 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.

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 Pooley and Mrs Cox

