

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 – Pandas and Tigers		
Class Teachers	Mrs Cox, Mrs Douglas (Mon-Wed) and Miss Gallant (Wed-Fri)		
Other teachers teaching the class	Miss Barr (Wednesday mornings in Pandas). Miss White (Wednesday mornings in Tigers).		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Williams (Pandas) Mrs Whitbread (Tigers)		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday and returned by the following Tuesday. Please also continue with daily reading at home, at least four times per week.		
Reading books	Children can change their reading books Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays as long as they have read the book at home and a comment is placed in the reading record book, with page number reached. Please try and hear your child read for at least 10 minutes each day. Brief comments about how your child read or questions / conversations you have had about the book are useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits	Our PE day is Thursday . Please ensure your child arrives at school in their PE kit to wear for the whole day. 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.		
Planned trips this year	Autumn –Wow event in school grounds.		
Themes this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Amazing Ashford, Amazing me/ Toy Story.	African Adventures/Our United Kingdom	Crowns and Castles/All around the world.

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

English

This term, in keeping with our theme we will be looking at the story 'Funnybones,' recognising and re-creating familiar settings and predictable language in stories. Later in the term we will use other familiar texts; for example, Dogger, The Lighthouse Keeper and Barnaby Bear. These will be used in different ways, encouraging children to work on extending their vocabulary, understanding story sequencing, creating descriptive sentences and extending sentences using the conjunction, 'and'. English concepts, spelling, punctuation and grammar will develop as the children become more familiar with the use of English language.

Maths

In Maths, we will look at the key concepts children will need in order to begin using basic calculation and problem-solving skills. This will include: understanding number and its place value, using tens frames, understanding number sentences using the part-whole models and other key concepts such as basic geometry, shape, space and measure as well as simple fractions. Children will start with small, familiar numbers to aid their understanding of the key concepts, moving on to larger numbers as we progress through the year.

RE

In R.E. we will think about, and reflect on, the responsibilities God has given us. We will explore how Christians live their lives according to the Christian faith, which will include understanding how God's message is delivered throughout The Bible as told in some of The Bible's stories. We will learn about the meaning of Christmas and why Easter is an important festival for Christians. Our religious education will include thinking about other faiths, including how Jewish homes and families are run, with a specific focus on their festival of Shabbat. We will also consider what it means to be a Muslim when studying the Islamic faith.

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. PE lessons will be taught outside as much as possible to please ensure your children come in to school wearing the appropriate kit.

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'

After half term our theme will be Toy Story, followed by African Adventures, Our United Kingdom, Crowns and Castles and finally, All Around the World.

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

Many thanks again for your continued support.
Mrs Cox, Mrs Douglas and Miss Gallant

