



Year 1 Curriculum Leaflet
Autumn 1:
'What is the Weather like?'



Welcome to Year 1

We hope you all had a super summer holiday and are ready to start more learning in Year 1.

We hope the children settle into their new classes very quickly and soon get used to the new routines.

Just to give you an idea of what happens on a daily basis we have noted below a typical day. We will work up to this gradually as we adapt from Year R to Year 1.

A Typical Year 1 Day

8:45 arrive in school via the playground door. Hang up coats and put reading packs in baskets, come into the classroom and start the early morning task

9am Register

9:10-10:10 English

10:10 – 10:30 Playtime

10:30 – 10:50 Worship

11-12 Phonics/Reading

12 – 1 Lunchtime

1 – 2 Maths

2 – 3 Topic work/ free play

3-3:15 Talk through stories

3:30 Home time

PE is on Monday with the R & R Coaches and Thursday with the class teacher. Children will keep PE kits in school to change into so please ensure it is appropriate for the weather.

Our topic this half term is called "What is the Weather like?". We will look at the weather each day and become weather reporters, thinking about different types of weather and the different seasons we experience.

We are also looking forward to Harvest Festival where we will be learning more about the symbolism of bread.

English



Learning to Read

We are very pleased with the start your children made in learning to read in Year R. We will continue to use the Read Write Inc books. It is recommended that your child continues to read each book they bring home three times to help build fluency when reading. The children will be taught to read as part of a group (guided reading) and sometimes individually.

Please listen to your child read every day. Children enjoy re-reading stories so please give them the opportunity to read their book more than once. Please complete your child's reading diary at home when you have heard them read.

Learning phonics is an important part of the Year 1 curriculum and we will be working hard to ensure all children recognise and use the 44+ sounds in both reading and writing.

Library

We will visit the library on a Monday. Please help your child remember to return their books so a new one can be chosen.

Writing

Aim: To write sentences using correct punctuation.

In Year 1 we are all taking part in Drawing Club! We will be looking at various books, discussing imaginative ways we could interpret the stories. The children will be learning how to use full stops, capital letters and nouns.

Learning how to form letters correctly continues to be important as we want to ensure all children form good habits. We will be ensuring that they all hold their pencil correctly.

Learning to spell is the link between our phonics lessons and independent writing. We will be sending out spellings to learn later.

Maths

Aim: To recognize, read and write numbers (in digits and words) from 0 – 10 and the corresponding number words (zero to ten) and use this knowledge to solve problems.

This half term we will be focussing on place value, addition and subtraction. We will begin by deepening the children's knowledge of numbers 0 -10. This may seem very simple but the children will be presented with various problems (some very tricky) that they will need to solve by applying their knowledge of number. We will move on to more than and less than, again with numbers within 10. We will work on number bonds within 10 and aim to commit these to memory. This is a vital building block to maths further up the school.

You can support this at home by using the App DoodleMaths; the children will be given a log-in shortly. Please aim to do a little each day.

Art

Aim: To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products including a printing pattern and a sculpture.



This half term we will be looking at the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children will start by exploring colour mixing to find different colours and shades of colours. The children will explore drawing and printing leaves they find outside. They will then score a polystyrene tile and use this to create a repeating printed pattern. Finally, they will be creating a piece of art in the style of our artist. We start off our new sketch books which will be a good record of your child's art learning journey through Key Stage 1.

You can help at home by practicing identifying different colours you can see in leaves.

Computing

Aim: To be able to navigate a programmable toy by giving precise instructions



We will be using the Beebots to plan simple journeys. Beebots are simple programmable toys. The children will use direction cards to program their Beebot. Finally, they will use the I-pads to film their Beebot's journey.

You can help at home by playing "Simon says" to practise giving precise instructions.

Science

Aim: To develop an understanding of our local weather, seasonal changes and the effect these have on plants and animals



Seasonal Change

This half term the children will observe different areas and weathers over time. We will start by watching weather forecasts and exploring what clothes we wear in different weathers. We will go on seasonal walks throughout the half term and we will look at how the plants and trees are changing.

We will also be starting our minibeast study, which we will continue across the whole year. We will spend time looking at what mini beasts they find in different areas and predicting how the area may change over time. We will be photographing the areas regularly to see how they change.

You can support this learning at home by discussing what you notice about how the trees and plants are changing throughout the half term.

Geography

Aim: Look at maps and create our own to show the weather in different locations within the UK



Weather and Seasons

We will be investigating the weather in the United Kingdom.

We aim for the children to be able to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in Whitchurch and other areas of the UK.

You can help at home by watching weather reports together and discussing the changing weather you notice at home.

R.E.

Aims: To investigate the significance of bread within Christianity and Judaism

Harvest

For our Harvest celebration this year we will be considering the symbolism of bread within Christianity and Judaism. Stories from the Bible will be used to explore how the festival has evolved in history. We will also be baking our own bread.

Music

Aims: To understand pitch and the effect this has on music

This term the children will explore the musical element of pitch through a variety of vocal activities around the theme of the three bears. They will learn to use their voices tunefully to make high, medium and low-pitched sounds and be able to differentiate between the three.

PE

R & R Sport Coaches will be taking the children for outdoor games. This term they will be developing their throwing and catching skills. PE is on a Monday and Thursday. If the weather turns chilly, a pair of joggers will be necessary to keep them comfortable through the lesson.

PSHE and Citizenship

New Beginnings

This term PSHE will be used to get to know each other as a class as well as considering our class rules and class charter. The children will be encouraged to play games and to make new friends, so that the classroom is a happy place to learn.

You can help at home by asking your child about friendship and what makes a good friend.

Home Learning

We will be using the Maths App DoodleMaths. The children will be given a log-in shortly. We also use Google Classroom, to share the children's work and activities with you.

Reading is very important in Year 1. This half term we would like you to continue reading to your child every day, starting with their library book as well as their reading book. Please remember that it really helps your child if they re-read their book more than once. Please remember to complete your child's reading diary when you have heard them read. Please don't neglect the bed-times stories; children need to continue to listen to stories as well as learn to read them for themselves.

Eventually, we will be sending home weekly spellings. These will be made available on Google Classroom. The log in details for these will be sent out to you shortly.

Helping Out

We have an incredibly busy term ahead. If you are able to help at all please do contact the office for a DBS check. This can take some time to process so it is worth getting one done soon then you can help out any odd days you are free. We will be unable to do these activities without your support so thank you in advance.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We will continue to use email for parents to communicate with the class teacher. This has been included below:

adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

The Year 1 Teachers: Mrs Bhundia and Miss Fox