



Year 1 Curriculum Leaflet

Autumn 1:

'Going on a Journey'



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

8:50 arrive in school. Hang up coats and put reading bags in the reading box, come into the classroom and start the early morning task

9:00 Register

9:10 Phonics

9:30 – 10:30 Maths

10:30 – 10:50 Playtime

10:50 – 11:40 English

11:40 – 12:00 Book Talk/Story time

12:00 – 1:00 Lunchtime

1:00 – 2:00 Reading activities/free play

2:00 – 2:15 Playtime

2:15 – 3:10 Topic/free play

3:10 – 3:25 Worship

3:30 Home time

PE is on Tuesday afternoons with the R & R Coaches and Forest School is on Thursdays with Mr Henderson.

Our topic this half term is called "Going on a Journey" and starts with a story called "Cave Baby" by Emily Gravett, we finish the term with "Sidney, Stella and the Moon" and think about travelling to the moon.

We have Harvest Festival to prepare for on October 9th, when we will learn some songs and rhymes to share with the rest of the school.

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 colour banded books. The expected level at the end of the year is Orange (level 16) but many of your children will read beyond this. Please remember that learning to read is not a race and children learn at different speeds and all get there in the end. The children will be taught to read as part of a group (guided reading) and individually. We will make a note in their reading diary when we have heard them read.

Please try to hear your child read every day. Children often enjoy re-reading stories so please give them the opportunity to read their book more than once. Please complete your child's reading diary when you have heard them read. Further guidance on reading will be sent out in the next week.

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. We will let you know which digraphs (combinations of letters) are being taught each week.

Library

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

Writing

We begin our writing topic by focusing on "Cave Baby" by Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett. This is the story of a hairy mammoth who takes a cheeky little baby on a thrilling ride through a moonlight landscape populated by a sabre-toothed tiger, a leaping hare, a laughing hyena and a big brown bear. We will find out where they are going and whether the baby learns not to write on walls! The children will be learning how to use full stops, capital letters and adjectives based on this book.



Our other focus book is "Sidney, Stella and the Moon" by Emma Yarlett. In this book the twins Sidney and Stella have an argument which causes problems for the moon! We read on to see how they resolve this.

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 in the term.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on place value. 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 addition and subtraction, again with numbers within 10. We will work on number bonds (addition and subtraction facts) within 10 and aim to commit these to memory. This is a vital building block to maths further up the school.

Art



This half term the children will explore 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. We start off our new sketch books which will be a good record of your child's art learning journey through key stage 1.

Computing

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.



Science



Seasonal Change and Trees

This half term the children will observe different leaves and weathers over time. They will spend time in the Forest School area, looking at how it is presented and predicting how the area may change over time. We will continue this study across the whole year, photographing the same place regularly to see how it changes.

R.E.

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.

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 Day is Tuesday. The children will need complete PE kit including trainers. If the weather turns chilly, a pair of joggers would be useful.

Forest School

Forest School will begin on Thursday 13th September with Mr Henderson. Please see the letter with further details about the correct clothing for this activity. We will need some additional adults for Forest School. Please see your child's teacher if you are able to help.

Music

This half term, the focus will be on sound effects (timbre) with an Autumn theme. We will create our own musical journey through the school grounds. Singing will be part of everyday as we learn some new songs about the weather.

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 who may not have been in their class last year, so that the classroom is a happy place to learn.

Role Play

We will start by making the role play corner into a cave like the one in "Cave Baby". In October it will be transformed into a rocket to go to the moon!

Home Learning

We will be using a new Maths App this year called My Maths. The children will be given a log-in and we will let you know which maths games they need to complete each week.

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 hearing them read their reading book. Please remember that it really helps your child if they re-read their reading 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.

We will send home information about the phonics we are learning each week. Please continue to practise these with your child.

Helping Out

We are always very grateful to anyone who is able to come and help in school. We particularly appreciate help with hearing children read, helping at the art table and with Forest School. If you are able to help with any of these activities, you will need a DBS check first. Mrs Boxall can help you with the paperwork. Once that is completed, please talk to your child's class teacher about helping.

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

We continue to use the school communication book in Year 1. Please make sure it is handed to the LSA in the morning if there is something you wish us to read.

Thank you for your support.

The Year 1 Teachers: Mrs Coney, Mrs Sabine and Miss Fox.

Special Dates for your diary

8th October – Parent Consultations

11th October – Parent Consultations