

Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 Autumn Term 2025!

During this term we will be learning the following curriculum areas:

**English**

**Phonics-** We are continuing with Little Wandle, which is our Phonics programme. It develops reading, writing and spelling skills.

**Handwriting-** Children will recap letter formation and letter groups to prepare them for Year 2 where the children are expected to join their letters regularly.

**Writing-** As a school we are following the 'Hampshire' scheme for writing. This term, Y1 will have the key focus texts of 'Toys in Space', 'Handa's Surprise', 'Beegu' and 'Stick Man'.

**Reading-** Children will have opportunities to read levelled books as well as books linked to their phonics learning during daily reading sessions.

**Maths-** Children will develop skills using number for place value, addition and subtraction. Children will also learn to read and write numbers in words and numerals as well as using various concrete and pictorial resources. Additionally, children will learn to apply their knowledge to problem solve. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

**Science-** Our focus topics will be 'Everyday Materials' learning about the physical properties of materials and 'Seasons' where we observe and describe the weather associated with the different seasons.

**Computing-** Taught by Mr. Rebours, we are focusing on physical Computing and coding (using Bee-Bots), image creation and early typing skills.

**Art-** Taught by Mrs Hopley. Children will be learning about Cubism portraits in the style of Picasso and Brianna McCarthy, as well as Collages and painting in the style of Henri Matisse.

**Religious Education-** This term we are focusing on Christianity in the lead up to Christmas.

**P.S.H.E & Emotional Health-** Emotions, Health and Wellbeing, Relationships and Living in the Wider World.

**Music-** Taught by Mrs Arnett, the topics include Autumn & Harvest songs, pulse & rhythm, space, and Christmas songs.

**Design Technology-** Children will be making Christmas cards, specifically looking at 'Mechanisms – Pullers and Levers'.

**Topic-** This term the children will be looking at Neil Armstrong in history, and 'I love where I live' in geography, developing their knowledge about their locality.

**P.E-** Taught by Mr. Newton, the children will be focusing on throwing & catching skills: overarm, underarm & rolling.

Developed through individual challenges, partner work and dodgeball team games.

**P.E lessons will be on the following days:**

- Y1B – Wednesday and Thursday
- Y1W – Tuesday and Wednesday

**Dance-**

- Y1B & Y1W - Monday

Please ensure your child arrives to school on both P.E days and Dance day in a named school kit; including blue or yellow T-shirt, blue shorts, tracksuit and trainers.

**Homework**

**Reading**

The children will bring home a levelled reading book every Monday, please return the book each Friday. Please record in their Yellow Reading Record each time they read.

**Numbots/ TTRS**

The children will soon be receiving usernames and passwords for a maths activity website/ app which they should access for 10 minutes 3x/week. Numbots (number bonds). TTRS (times tables). These will be stuck into their yellow reading journal.

**Right Respecting Schools**

We are a Rights Respecting School and all children learn about the United Nation Convention on the Rights for the Child. This outlines all the rights all children are entitled to. Our Year 1 children have worked together to chose rights for their class charter.

**Additional information**

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle (filled with water only), their named book bag and lunch box. Please also remember to name your child’s clothing.

**Vocabulary**

Maths	Number, place value, number bond, counting, ordering, greater than, less than, equal to, ones, tens, hundreds, addition, subtraction, altogether, minus, difference, times, multiplied by, arrays, shared by, divided by, groups, equal, value, compare, order, amount.
English	Infer, predict, compare, punctuation, sequence, describe, author, questioning, phonemes, record, discuss, vocabulary, adjectives, purpose, past tense, poster, point of view, edit, publish.
Science	Materials: plastic, cardboard, wool, metal, slate, glass, hard, soft, bendy, smooth, rough, light, hard, solid, liquid, gas, melt, waterproof, recycling, upcycling, manmade, compare. Seasons: weather, sunny, rainy, windy, snowy, cloudy, thunder, lightning, seasons, Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer, sunrise, sunset.

Yours sincerely,

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