

Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! We would like to assure you that the children are settling well into their classes and becoming more familiar with new routines and expectations. Our learning this term includes:

English – We will learn to read new sounds and decode words and sentences through Read, Write Inc. We will practise answering questions about what we have read to show our understanding. In class-based writing lessons, our writing focus will be sentence skills – using capital letters and full stops correctly, using finger spaces consistently and forming letters correctly in our handwriting. Please help your child to learn the spellings sent home later in the term.

Maths – We will focus on the ‘learn its’ that add to make ten (1+9; 2+8 etc...) so that we can recall these quickly and apply them in our other work. We will also be learning about addition and subtraction and different methods for answering a calculation. We will be problem solving through money, time and shape and naming and exploring 2D and 3D shapes. Please practise counting in 10s, 5s and 2s.

Topic – Through ‘Paws, Claws and Whiskers’ we will learn about pets and how we can look after them. We will compare features of animals and sort them into groups. We will use different techniques and media to create pictures and models. Through ‘Bright, Lights and Big City’ we will find out about our capital city, London. We will find out about The Great Fire of London and make models of Pudding Lane. We will use ICT to make simple animations and give instructions. We will have a few special visitors over the term and will send messages home to let you know who and when.

P.E. - Our P.E. days in Year 1 are Thursday and Friday. Please make sure that your child’s P.E. kit is in school and earrings are removed. If your child is involved in a sports club after school, please make sure that their kit is returned to school after each session. Please help your child to learn to get dressed and undressed *by themselves* so that they can gain greater independence.

Drink money – If you would like your child to have a drink of squash at lunch time, please make sure that you send £1 to school IN A NAMED ENVELOPE ON MONDAY MORNINGS.

Homework – Please continue to support your child at home by helping them with Maths homework, letter sounds, spellings and reading. When you share books with your child, please fill in their home-school reading diary so that they can be rewarded with certificates.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support and look forward to working with you over the course of the year.

Mrs Davis, Miss Morrow, Miss Pearson and Mrs Westaway