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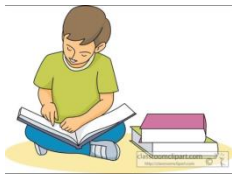
## **Class 1 Curriculum Newsletter**

**Autumn Term 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year. This curriculum newsletter will give you an outline of what your child will be covering in class 1 throughout the autumn term. If you have any artefacts or resources that would help to enhance or support our curriculum then please come and let us know. If you or anyone you know could come in to talk to the children and share experiences and expertise then we would love to hear from you.

### **ENGLISH**

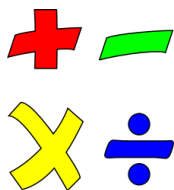


This term in our English lessons the children will be exploring a wide variety of texts focussing on sentences, description and story writing. Within our lessons the children will be developing their writing skills through exploring a range of grammatical features that are specific to that piece of writing using our sentence tool kit. As well as developing writing, the children will be developing their letter formation skills through daily handwriting practice. We will also continue with daily guided reading sessions and the children will be taught how to use the text to help them ask and answer questions from the shared text.

Reception and year 1 children will have daily phonics sessions to support them in the knowledge that is required for reading and writing.

Reception children will focus on hand eye co-ordination and fine motor skills that will allow them to form the letters that they learn. This will lead them to start labelling and then writing short sentences. Phonics flash cards will be sent home as part of the children's homework.

### **MATHEMATICS**



Our daily maths session will include twenty minutes of developing fluency, where we will explore making links with known facts. Our focus this term will explore place value, number and shape and space. We will then use the skills that we have learnt to begin to investigate addition and subtraction techniques to solve problems. Year 1 and 2 children will be learning and practicing their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Throughout our lessons we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of ways. As well as problem solving the children will be developing their ability to draw and explain their reasoning about their answers and solutions.

Reception children will be learning mathematical concepts through play and adult lead activities that enable them to start working with shape and numbers.

## SCIENCE



Our topic this term Life processes. The children will be looking at the body, its functions and how we are similar and different to other children around the world. This will link with our topic of 'Where in the World Are We?' where the children will look at how children live in other countries throughout the world.

Reception children will develop their knowledge and understanding of the world through adult lead activities, learning through play and making sense of life processes, where we are in the world and learning that there are similarities and differences within each other.

## TOPIC (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY)



As part of our topic learning 'Where in the World Are We?' the children will be investigating different countries throughout the world. We will look closely at homes, schools and clothing, making comparisons with our own lives.

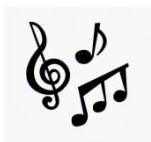
## ART/DT



Our weekly art lessons will allow the children the opportunity to explore artists from around the world. We hope that the children will enjoy experimenting with a range of tools and equipment to create their own masterpieces. Within our DT sessions the children will explore a range of materials to design, make and evaluate a model to travel the world in.

Reception will be developing this through working with and exploring different way of creating and making. All curriculum areas will be taught through a mixture of adult lead and play opportunities to allow the children to explore new understanding.

## MUSIC



Linked with our topic learning this half term, the children will be looking at a range of music from around the world. We will explore different artists and performers and listen to and learn a range of songs from around the world.

## PE



Our PE lessons take place every **WEDNESDAY** in school. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school with a PE kit (plain white t shirt, navy/black shorts and trainers). This term we have an experienced dance teacher who will be teaching the children some traditional dances from around the world on **FRIDAYS**. We ask that your child brings their kit into school on Monday and leaves it on their peg until Friday.

## HOME LEARNING



Home learning will be sent home each **FRIDAY** and should be returned to school on **TUESDAY**. Your child will receive 5 spellings each week from the year 1 or 2 spelling list. They need to practice how to spell these words using the range of techniques we have used in class, they also need to put these words in sentences to show an understanding of their meaning. They will also have a maths activity to complete based on the learning we have covered in class that week. It is important that they bring their home learning into school on Tuesday, as we will take time within our maths lesson to correct it together and go through any misconceptions.

Reception children will be expected to read at home with their Parents/carers daily. This will help and support the children both in their love of reading and to support their understanding of stories, information books and to support their learning of phonics. Please could you complete their reading record books. When appropriate phonics cards will be sent home for the children to practice both to read and write.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In class 1 the religious education lessons will focus on Christianity and how God created the universe. We will look at why the Earth and everything that is in it is important to God. Class one will also focus on how a relationship with God is different to other relationships. Children will also find out how we can look after the world and care for it. The children will be taking part in daily worships.



## TRIP/ VISITORS

We will be planning a range of trips and visitors to come into school this term to enhance the development of our curriculum. We will inform you about these nearer the time.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Hannah in the office.

Mrs Cook