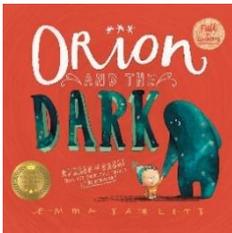


Dear Parents,

This curriculum newsletter will give you an outline of what your child will be covering in Class 1 throughout the Spring 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 Year 1 and 2: This term in our English lessons the children will begin by exploring the book 'Orion and the Dark'. We will be focusing on the language within the book and having a go at writing our own story using simple sentences and noun phrases. Year 2 children will develop their understanding of expanded noun phrases and writing in

different tenses. The children in Year 1 will also focus on the elements of a successful sentence and what that looks like. The children in Year 1 and 2 will have daily phonics and handwriting sessions as well as opportunities to apply their reading and writing skills within other areas of the curriculum. In EYFS we will develop our reading and writing skills through their understanding of letter formation and the sounds each letter makes.

Please remember that it is also extremely important that you listen to your child read every night to help them with their confidence in using and applying their phonic knowledge and develop reading for meaning. Please have discussions with your children about the events within the stories they read. There are questions at the back of the RWI books that you can use to help with this. Books will be sent home on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Monday.



MATHEMATICS Our daily maths sessions will include fluency activities where we will explore making links with known facts using different resources to help imbed this information for children. Our focus this term includes shape and addition and subtraction. We will then use the skills that we have learnt to begin to investigate addition and subtraction techniques to solve problems. 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. For our Early Years children, they will be deepening their understanding of numbers up to 10 and beginning to look at the concept of time.

SCIENCE Our topic this term is changing materials. The children will be looking at when we should change how a material is used and how it can be changed. They will also explore the importance of using different types of materials for different uses.



COMPUTING: In computing this term we will be looking at 'programming animations'. The children will be learning how to create an animation using a specialist piece of software.

HISTORY Our history learning this term will explore entertainment through time.

The children will look at how toys have changed over the years, along with sport and how it is watched.



ART Our weekly art lessons will allow the children the opportunity to explore artists from around the world. This half-term we will be focusing on abstract compositions.



PSHE: Our PSHE curriculum is based on a scheme called SCARF- Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship. We will be focusing on the topic of 'keeping myself safe'.

MUSIC This term the children will be working with our Music Specialist teacher Mrs Joliffe. They will be focusing on using instruments and how to create music using them.



PE We are extremely lucky that we will have a specialist PE teacher Mr Pugh, delivering PE this term. Mr Pugh will be focusing on gymnastics next term. The children will be working on the core skills such as balance, rolls and jumps. Our PE lessons take place every **THURSDAY** in school. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit (plain white t shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers) and brings their uniform to change into after.

HOME LEARNING Home learning will be sent home each **FRIDAY** and should be returned to school on **TUESDAY**. We ask that children in reception share a book every day at home as well as practicing their blending using the books sent home. Children in year 1 and 2 will have a maths challenge to complete as well as practicing their reading everyday too. All children in Class 1 are expected to read at home aloud to their parents/carers daily. Please record this in your child's reading record with a comment. This will help and support them with ideas and techniques to include in their writing. Please ensure that reading diaries and reading books are in school every day.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Our Religious Education programme will explore the theme of different cultures and will be focusing on the key question 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?'.

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS: Knowledge organisers are used in class to outline to the children what they will be learning during each subject topic. They include key vocabulary and phrases. These will be sent home next week for you to use at home with your children, it is important you encourage them to use the vocabulary when explaining what they have been learning about.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to Miss Atkinson about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Hannah in the office. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Atkinson