

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the beginning of our second term. 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.

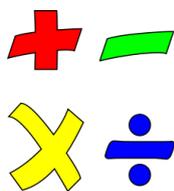


ENGLISH

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. We will also continue with daily guided reading sessions and the children will be taught how to use their inference and deduction skills to 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 this term focus on hand eye co-ordination and fine motor skills that will allow them to form the letters that they learn. Daily phonics sessions will support the children's letter sound knowledge and they will now be starting to blend the sounds to read simple words and sentences. This will lead them to start labelling and then writing short sentences.



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 addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. 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, 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 continue learning mathematical concepts through play and adult lead activities that enable them to start working with shape and numbers. Particularly numbers from 0 to 20.



SCIENCE

Our topic this term is Everyday Materials. The children will be looking at what different items are made from and begin to develop why certain materials are more efficient than others for different uses. We will be doing various experiments with the children to help them classify materials as well as be able to have an opinion of which materials are better for some uses than others.

Reception children will develop their knowledge and understanding of the world through adult lead activities, learning through play and making sense of everyday materials by becoming more aware what things are made of



TOPIC

In history we will be looking at castles. What purpose did they serve? What were different parts of a castle used for? We will be looking at Motte and Bailey castles and the children will consider the development of why wood was used less and stone became more favourable as a construction material.



ART/DT

The children will be sketching, drawing and making models of castles. In DT the children will be planning, designing and making their own medieval goblet. Reception will be developing this through working with and exploring different way of creating and making. Again, all curriculum areas will be taught through a mixture of adult lead and play opportunities to allow the children to explore new understanding



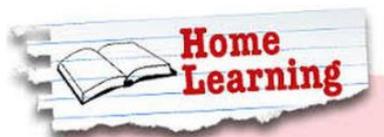
MUSIC

In music we will be looking at medieval instruments and how they differ from the kind of instruments that we have now. The children will be designing, creating and evaluating their own medieval instrument



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 shorts and trainers.



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. The 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 to allow marking of home learning and preparation for next week's activities.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term in R.E class one will be focussing on the Gospel and the key question of what is the good news that Jesus brings? The children will be looking at some of the stories from the Bible and will begin to discuss what it means to some Christians. They will begin to learn about different ways in which Christians believe Jesus gave instructions about how we should behave, and they will be finding some examples about how some Christians do this. We will be debating if the good news Jesus brought was only good news for Christians.



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.

Ms Keary