

Dear Parents,

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.

## EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM

A warm welcome to our new reception children who have settled in beautifully. As well as having opportunities provided for our reception children to join and participate with learning within the classroom, the children will have access to our outdoor provision. This will allow the children to practice and develop skills they have been taught independently as well as exploring learning through play and turn taking.



### ENGLISH

This term in our English lessons the children will begin with the book 'Naughty Bus' exploring the plot and character developed in a story. We will also have the opportunity to retell the story and create our own naughty toy story. We will continue with story writing looking at traditional tales; using role play and storytelling as well as creating our own adaptations of some well-known fairy tales. At the end of term, we will explore instructional writing using instructions to make various objects and look at how comic strips retell stories in a different way. Children will have daily phonics sessions to use and apply the letter sounds and names we have been focusing on; this will help to support their reading and writing.

Reading books will be changed each week on a TUESDAY and THURSDAY. We ask that you complete your child's reading record each time they read so that staff know that your child needs their books changed.



### MATHEMATICS

Our daily maths session will include twenty minutes of developing fluency, where we will explore making links with known facts. Every Monday the children will have a times tables challenge to enable them to quickly recall facts, children in year 1 need to be secure in using their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and the year 2 children will need to know these as well as their 3 times tables. Our focus this term will explore place value, ordering, 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.



### SCIENCE

Our topic this term is materials. The children will be looking at the different materials that we use everyday as well as exploring the variety of materials we can use for different purposes - looking at natural and man-made materials.



## TOPIC (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY)

Our topic learning this term will explore how cars have changed, developed and improved through history. The children will investigate what the first cars looked like and compare these with modern cars today. The children will learn about directions and using local maps be able to give compass directions.



## ART/DT

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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. Our DT project will be designing and creating our own



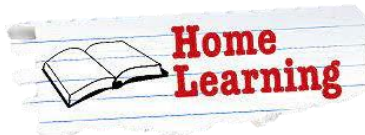
## MUSIC

This term the children will be appreciating different types of music through singing, chanting and rhymes. The children will be learning about rhythm and beat using a wide range of instruments.

## PE



Our PE lessons take place every **FRIDAY** in school. We ask that the children come to school in their school PE kit each week. This term the children will be focusing on learning basic movements and co-ordination through running and jumping. The children will be exploring how can co-ordination and agility help with our success in team sports?



## HOME LEARNING

For this half term we are encouraging the children to read. Over the next few weeks your child will be sent home flashcards of phonics sounds and/or some tricky words to practice with an adult at home. We ask that you listen to your child read every evening and record this in your child's reading record book. Reading books will be changed each Tuesday and Thursday and children will be awarded gold stars every time they read. Flashcards will also be checked each week and children's words/sounds changed when staff feel they are confident using them.

## GOD'S CREATION



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ PHSE

Our Religious Education programme will explore the creation story, looking at how the world was created and compare this to other religions and beliefs. We will also be exploring 'It's Good To Be Me', looking at our special qualities and what makes us unique. The children will also develop our school Christian Values of endurance and friendship looking how we can use these skills both inside and outside the classroom.

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. Many thanks for your continual support,

Mrs Cook and Mrs Walter