



Year 1 Newsletter

Term 1

What will be learning this term?

A big welcome to Year 1! We will start off the term mirroring the Year R curriculum and will providing continuous provision. In this term, we will have lots of Discovery Time based around our learning which is similar to Challenge and Explore time that the children had in Year R. As the year goes on, we will move towards a more structured KS1 approach but we will still continue to have Discovery Time opportunities.

In Maths we are focussing on our number skills, counting forwards and backwards and looking at 1 more and 1 less. We will be using the language more than and less than when comparing and ordering numbers by looking at the digits.

In English lessons we are focussing on basic writing skills. We will be doing this through the story books 'My Magic Family' and the Charlie and Lola book 'We Must Completely go to London.' We will have opportunities to write postcards and start to using descriptive language. Our main priority is to orally rehearse sentences before beginning to write them. We will also be talking about the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will continue with Read Write Inc and will focus on set 2 special friends, reading texts using the sounds we have learnt.

In Science, our topic is 'Weather'. We will be identifying seasonal changes, focussing mainly on the signs of Autumn. We will hopefully go for an Autumn Walk to Crispe Park.

In Geography, we will be learning about 'The UK'. We will be recognising the 4 countries of the UK and their capital cities. We will also be looking in more detail at London and its famous landmarks.

In RE, our big questions is, 'What do Christians believe God is like?' We look at the parable of the Lost Son and the messages behind it.

We will be looking at technology around us in Computing this term and going on a technology hunt around the school. We will also think about how technology helps us in our lives.

In PSHE we will be exploring families and relationships.

In Music we will be exploring the pulse and copying and playing rhythms using instruments.

We will be having PE every Wednesday with both the sports coaches and our teachers and will be focussing on developing our fine and gross motor skills through a variety of different games.

Homework

Year 1	Homework Task	Day of the week set	Day of the week to be completed
Spelling	Spelling Shed	Friday	Play games for 5 minutes daily.
Reading	Read Write Inc reading book	See information in new Reading Record book.	A minimum of 3 reads each week.
Maths	A Maths activity based on our class learning.	Thursday	Thursday
Phonics	A fun phonic activity.	Thursday	Thursday

Please see the weekly Home Learning task sheet for more details.

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 2nd September - First day of Term 1

Tuesday 16th September - Flu vaccinations

October - Black History Month

Thursday 2nd October - Poetry Day

Thursday 16th October - Come and See

Friday 17th October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 3rd November - First day of Term 2

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