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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 1 – Curriculum Information – Terms 1 and 2.

We would all like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all our new children and their parents to the next step of their educational journey in key stage 1.

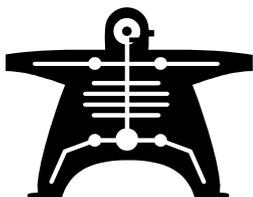
This year we are starting to follow the Read, Write Inc programme which means that children in school will be focussing on applying their Phonics in both their reading and writing. The children in school will spend time in groups learning new sounds, reading new words and writing words which contain sounds that they have previously learnt.

During the daily story time session, children will have the opportunity to listen to a range of stories with familiar settings and a selection of Fairy tales. They will learn to identify character, setting and plot and ask and answer questions about what they have heard.



We cannot over emphasise the importance of listening to your child read and sharing books with them on a regular basis. We do realise time is often short but even a little time spent sharing books will help your child's progress immensely and help to foster a love of reading. Don't forget that reading isn't just limited to the school reading book. Please encourage your child to read as wide a range of story books, labels, leaflets and comics as possible.

In mathematics we will continue work on counting accurately groups of objects and being able to write our numbers correctly and in sequence up to 100. We will look at more than and less than a given number and understand the concept of addition and subtraction. We will also be naming 2D shapes and thinking about their properties. During Term 2 the pupils will continue to develop their number skills to 100 as well as measuring capacity.



During Science we will be learning about the properties of different materials and then using our learning to build our own planes, exploring which materials work best. In Term 2 we will look at humans. The children will investigate how our senses work and what our bodies can do and explore what is inside our bodies.

We shall continue to use the computers in the ICT suite covering a range of work across the curriculum. The children will learn how to log on and off independently and how to use the mouse with greater control. They will be learning how to program a moveable toy and understand the term algorithm.

In R.E and Citizenship the topics are based on 'Myself' and 'Celebrations'. We will think about the key people in our families and how we should feel towards each other.

Linking in with our Science, the history topic will during Term 1 will be 'Flight' where they children will be exploring the different ways people have travelled and ordering the methods of flight from oldest to newest. They will also learn about some of the people who were the pioneers of flight in the past.





During term 2 we will complete the geography topic, 'Get out of my Swamp!' which is linked to our Fairy stories during story time. During Geography the pupils will be learning all about different habitats and comparing them to our own and using positional language to create a map.

In our art lessons children will be drawing portraits of friends and themselves. We will also be creating our own aeroplanes and hot air balloons using a range of different medium. In Term 2 we will be creating natural pictures using leaves, mud and other elements from outside.



In our PE lessons we will be responding to instructions and developing movement on and off apparatus. In games we will be concentrating on rolling ball skills, throwing and catching skills and in dance the children will be creating and performing their own simple, rhythmic patterns.

Anything you can do at home with your child is greatly valued in school and helps to reinforce what they are learning in class.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions, we look forward to working in partnership with you to make this an enjoyable and successful year for our young learners.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Willing
KS1 Phase Leader