



# Year 1 Curriculum News

## Spring 2024

### English & Phonics

Throughout the year, the English programmes of study will be taught through Read, Write, Inc (RWI), a structured programme for developing phonics and literacy skills. In RWI children will be developing reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and speaking and listening skills. They will be doing this according to their level in their RWI groupings.

### Maths

This term, we will begin with consolidation of place value and move on to addition and subtraction. The children will extend their knowledge of number bonds and learn how to read and write mathematical symbols. We will develop mental maths skills such as counting on and back from any number and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will use a variety of concrete resources such as Numicon, tens frames, dienes and number lines to support understanding in all lessons.

### Wider Curriculum

In **Science** we will be learning about 'Materials'.

In **History** we will be learning about changes over time.

In **DT** we will be designing a windmill and creating a moving model with wheels.

In **PSHE** we will be learning about our school value 'respect'. We will also start to look at drugs education where we explore good and bad medicines.

In **RE** we will be learning about Christianity, with a focus on Easter.

### Reading

This term, we will continue to focus on using phonic knowledge to decode and basic comprehension skills. We will be learning how to predict what might happen in a story, retrieve information from a text and to summarise key events.

Your child will be given a phonetically decodable book and a library book each week. Year 1 will continue to change their library books every Wednesday. Please practise reading with your child for 15 minutes a day.

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### PE

Year 1 will have PE every Tuesday. Please ensure your child arrives to school every Tuesday in their PE kit. Children should wear a white t-shirt, black leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. PE lessons will be outside as much as possible so please also include a sweatshirt.

### Music

The children will participate in a weekly singing assembly with Sonya. They will also learn songs and play percussion instruments during weekly music lessons with Daniel.

### Communication

We are in the playground every afternoon, but understand that you may not be there at pick up time due to other commitments. If you have any concerns or queries, please email the Admin Team and they will forward your questions to us. We will continue to use the text messaging system to try to keep you informed where necessary.