



# Year 1 Curriculum News

## Summer 2024

### English & Phonics

This term, we will continue to develop sentence skills, punctuation, vocabulary, and spelling. We will focus on:

- Using a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and a full stop, exclamation mark or question mark at the end.
- Using conjunctions to join ideas together and extend ideas i.e. and, but, or, because
- Using simple spelling rules i.e. plurals, suffixes and prefixes.
- Spelling Year 1 'red words' correctly.
- Beginning to read through our work to check for sense and correct errors.

The children will develop their writing and begin to produce longer pieces across a variety of genres.

### Maths

This term, the children will revisit previous learning and continue to develop their mental arithmetic skills alongside. We will focus on:

- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Position and direction
- Place value within 100
- Money
- Time

At home, please practise number bonds to 10 and 20, counting forward and backwards within 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. It is also helpful to practise number formation within 100 and spelling numbers in words to twenty.

### 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.

### Reading

This term, we will focus on using fluency and expression. The children will develop their confidence in reading aloud and using 'voice choice'. The children will use phonic knowledge as a primary strategy to decode unfamiliar words and begin to apply their knowledge of alternative graphemes to read more challenging words. They will extend comprehension skills such as retrieval and inference through discussion, and become more independent in completing a range of comprehension activities.

It is recommended that you practise reading with your child for around 15 minutes a day, ideally reading the same text more than once. Year 1 will continue to change their library books every Wednesday.

### PE

Year 1 children will have PE with the sports coaches every Tuesday. Please ensure your child arrives to school every Tuesday in their PE kit. Children must 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.

### Wider Curriculum

In **Science** our topics are 'Wonderful weather' and 'Plants'.

In **History/Geography**, our topics are 'Changes over time' and 'My world and me'.

In **DT/Art**, our topics are 'Fruit and vegetables' and 'Landscapes using different media'.

In **RE**, our topic is 'Why is the world special?'.

In **PSHE**, our topics are 'Growing and caring for ourselves', 'Economic well-being' and our school value 'Contribution'.