



Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 2, 2023

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and your child will find useful.

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

Rose – Mr Lambourne

Foxglove – Miss Robinson

Snowdrop – Miss Garner (Year Lead)

Harebell – Miss Kearns

We also have the following TAs who will be supporting across the year group; Mrs Wright, Miss Maltese, Miss Mortham, Miss Gorham, Ms James, Mrs Dobrowolska and Mrs Hodgman who is our Lead TA.

Our PE coach is Miss Bagshaw, Miss Tahara, Miss Hubbard and Mrs Fulford – Foy will also be teaching some lessons.

Maths

Our focus is;

- to use number lines to add and subtract one and two digit numbers.
- to solve simple word problems.
- to identify 2D and 3D shapes
- to represent numbers in tens and ones
- to compare and order numbers

English

Reading

- using decoding skills to read sentences accurately.
- answering questions about what happened in a text.
- answering 'how' and 'why' questions.
- identifying the features of poems.

Writing

- Constructing and writing sentences, using the correct punctuation.
- Adding vocabulary for detail such as adjectives and similes.
- spelling common exception words.

Phonics

In RWI we will be continuing to focus on the decoding, blending and segmenting of words to support children's development in reading and spelling. Children are set into ability groups across Year 1.



Science

In Science, the children are learning about how we classify animals, the scientific vocabulary for animal anatomy, and the categories of herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum - History

In History, the children will be learning about the Kings and Queens of England. They will learn about Queen Elizabeth II, the forming of Magna Carta during the reign of King John, the forming of parliament during the reign of Henry III, the English Civil War during the reign of King Charles I, and the changes to English society that took place during Oliver Cromwell's republic.

DT

In DT, the children will be learning about mechanisms such as sliders and pivots, exploring their use in children's books and developing their own products – Christmas cards incorporating designs with sliders and pivots.

P.E.

In PE, the children will be developing prosocial skills by experimenting with actions, dynamics, directions, levels and a growing range of movements through jumping, balances and rotations.

PE will take place twice a week and on the following days:

Rose – Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outside)

Foxglove – Monday (Outside) Wednesday (Indoor)

Snowdrop – Monday (Indoor) Thursday (Outside)

Harebell – Monday (Indoor) Thursday (Outside)

Information regarding PE kit can be found on the year group page of the website. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE during the Autumn and Winter months.

PSHE/RE

In PSHE, we are looking at how what makes us happy including thinking about something which makes us feel proud. We will also be looking at how we make our classroom a safe and happy environment. In RE, our focus will be the Christian creation story.

Music

In music, we will be working on developing our listening skills and how we perform different songs.

Computing

We are focusing on computing during our choosing time.



Choosing time

Throughout the day we will participate in different areas of the curriculum through our choosing time. This is our opportunity to complete activities linked to our learning.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

Wellbeing

We go outside in all weathers so please ensure that children come to school with a warm and waterproof coat with a hood, as well as named hats, gloves and scarves when needed. To support staff with finding misplaced items, please ensure that all coats and jumpers taken into school are clearly named.

We look forward to another amazing half term in Year 1!

Yours sincerely,

Year 1 Class teachers