

Maths

Our maths lessons this half term will continue to ensure that children have closed the gaps in their learning from reception and are moving forwards in the Year 1 curriculum. They will focus on numbers to 20 and consolidating their understanding of the numbers by counting, ordering and comparing them. Children will also use different strategies to confidently and accurately add and subtract within 20. As always, correctly forming the numbers is very important and children will practice this daily.

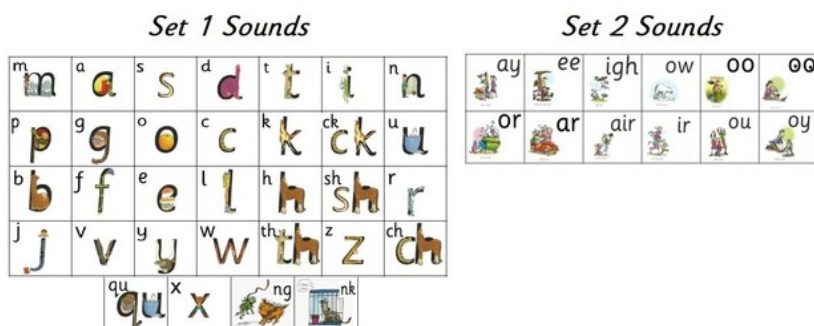
English

Writing: This half term will focus on the revision of core skills and independently writing sentences which contain capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in the correct place. Our lessons will examine different genres of writing such as a three part story and instructions, in order for children to develop the skills to produce their own pieces of writing. They will explore engaging texts such as *Superworm*, *The Gruffalo* and *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* to guide and inspire their writing.

Handwriting: Children will take part in daily handwriting sessions to teach them correct letter formation and practice writing on the line.

Reading: Reading will be taught through Read, Write Inc, heavily focusing on phonics. There will also be opportunities for children to read and access a range of texts relating to their topic as well as participate in daily story time. An adult will hear your child read at least once a week in school.

Phonics: Daily phonics sessions are delivered through the Read, Write, Inc programme. This half term will focus on the set 2 sounds whilst constantly revising the set 1 sounds. Children will learn to recognise them, rapidly recall them, read them within words and apply them into words and sentences. Our phonics sessions also include daily practice of the red 'tricky' words.



Science

Our science this half term continues to focus on materials and answering the question 'What do aliens think of life on Planet Earth?' In lessons, children will work to identify and discuss the properties and uses of different everyday materials, identify what they are used for and consider how suitable or unsuitable they are for particular purposes. Children will work scientifically as they classify materials, carry out investigations and record their observations.

Topic

In our topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers, children will discover the fascinating world of animals. They will group animals together based on their diet and appearance, learn about camouflage and find out which continents different animals come from. Our focus during this topic will be art and the children will be given a range of opportunities to produce fantastic pieces of big cat artwork.

RE

Our religious education will focus on Christianity and the core beliefs of the Christian faith. Children will learn about the importance of celebrations such as Harvest and Christmas.

PE

PE continues to be a priority and children will participate in regular 'active bursts' and the daily mile. They will have two structured PE sessions each week which will focus on developing their dance skills this half term. Children must **come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesday and Friday** (white t shirt, navy jogging bottoms, school jumper and trainers).

Homework

Each week the children will be set a list of spellings in their reading record. Please practice them at home on the sheet provided on online using Readwriter. They will be tested on the words the following Friday. Additional homework tasks may be assigned on Teams or Mathletics and will be shared with you on Friday.

Home Reading

Children must bring their reading record to school each Thursday and it will be returned to you on Friday with a new book, new spellings and any additional practice I would like your child to do. Please record and sign for all home reading in the children's reading record.

A note from the teacher:

What an excellent first half term in Year 1! The children have quickly settled into their new class and adapted to our new routines easily. They have worked very hard to revise and develop their core skills in maths and English whilst also enjoying a wide range of other opportunities. Our topic, Moon Zoom, was a huge hit and the children even had a special visit from an alien! They loved designing and building rockets, learning about famous astronauts, discovering facts about the planets and reading a range of stories about aliens. Children also learnt about Louis Braille, celebrated Black History month and produced lovely pieces of Harvest artwork. They even kept fit and healthy with the daily mile and hoopstarz! A huge well done to all of the children. I am already excited about our next topic and can't wait to see the children after a well-deserved half term break.

As always, I am happy to help and support you in any way possible. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me via ClassDojo.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Hutchinson

Year 1 Class Teacher



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Curriculum Information

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