

Maths

In maths this half term we will focus on counting, securing number facts and making simple calculations. Children will master their understanding of working with numbers to 10 then 20, including correct number formation, identifying one more and less and strategies for simple addition and subtraction. Counting forwards and backwards as well as recall of the essential number bond facts will also be a key focus.

English

This half term our English will focus on the revision and development of core skills as children begin to write in sentences, learn to use capital letters and full stops, leave finger spaces between words and check their writing makes sense. Presentation is another large focus this half term as we practice forming letters correctly on the line, following the Browney Presentation Promise. We will be using and exploring texts linking to our topic to inspire and engage the children's writing.

Phonics/Reading

We are delighted to be using our Read Write Scheme to deliver our daily phonics sessions. We will focus on learning to recognise the set 1 and 2 sounds and apply them when reading simple stories. There will also be opportunities for children to read and access a range of texts relating to their topics as well as participate in daily story time.

Home Reading

Children will bring home their home reading book on a **Friday** and must be returned by the following **Wednesday**. This book will correlate to the book they have been reading in their Read, Write, Inc sessions in school that week. You will also have access online to the book they have been reading in school. Please record all home reading in the children's reading record.

Science

Our science this half term focuses on materials and exploring their properties. 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.

History

Our history topic, 'Childhood' teaches children about everyday life and families today whilst making comparisons to childhood in the 1950's.

Geography

Our project 'Our Wonderful World' teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries and capital cities of the UK.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism and exploring the key traditions and beliefs of the religion.

Art and Design

Our art project 'Funny Faces' teaches children to explore different types of portrait and how to use collage to create their own masterpiece.

DT

Our project 'Shade and Shelter' teaches children about the purpose of shelters and their materials. They name and describe shelters and design and make shelter prototypes. Children then design and build a play den as a group and evaluate their completed product.

Music

Our music sessions this half term will focus on the song 'Hey You'. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Old-School Hip Hop tunes.

PE

Children will take part in a structured PE session each week on **Friday** as well as regular active bursts. They must come to school wearing their PE kit on Fridays and also leave an additional pair of trainers/plimsols in school under their peg for the woodland village.

Homework

Children will receive weekly homework in their blue book. This will be a short activity focusing on revision of basic skills. The blue book will be sent

home on **Friday** and must be returned by the following **Wednesday**. More information will follow on spellings.

I am delighted to welcome your child into the Year 1 classroom to begin their Key Stage 1 journey! We have lots of exciting things planned and I can't wait to get started.

A short presentation will take place next week to give you a lot of key information about the class and provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer. I am really looking forward to working with you to ensure your child has a successful year and becomes the best they can be. I am always happy to help and if you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, please contact me via ClassDojo.

Thank you for your support,
Miss Hutchinson

Year 1 Teacher



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Curriculum Information

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