



How to Help at Home



Your child will have already been given a reading book and reading diary and we would like your help to encourage them to read as much as possible at home. In each classroom, there is a box for your child to place their finished reading books in for them to be changed by the end of the day. We would like to remind you that the speed sounds and green and red words from the Read Write Inc. lessons are in the back of the diary for them to practise. If your child has read something other than their reading book, please let us know by popping a comment in their diary and remember to encourage children to read in their everyday life e.g. shopping lists, signs, magazine etc. Reading with your child is invaluable in helping them progress and become a confident reader!

Special Requests

- Please bring your child's PE kit and Forest School clothes (if appropriate) at the start of each half term so children are prepared for each lesson. We will send these home for the half term holidays.
- Please put your child's name in their school uniform and PE kit.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school.



Dates for the Diary



September

Friday 27th September

MacMillan Coffee Morning

October

Monday 7th October

Dr Bike in school to check children's bikes

Wednesday 9th October

Autumn Disco

Thursday 10th October

Visit to St Nicholas Church

Tuesday 15th October

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 16th October

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Half Term - Monday 21st - Friday 25th October

November

Friday 15th November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Monday 25th November

School closed—Occasional Day

Tuesday 26th November

Pantomime Visit to Theatre Royal

December

Thursday 12th December

KS1 Christmas Production (am and pm)

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 13th December

Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Service—St Nicholas' Church
(staff and children only)

Tuesday 17th December

KS1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December

Grand Prize Raffle Draw

Friday 20th December

End of Term



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Bunce, Miss Thompson, Mrs O'Hara, Mrs Neve or Mrs Caulton.

Curriculum Overview



Year 1



Autumn Term



Welcome



Welcome to Year 1's Overview. Here you'll find some information about our learning this term and some upcoming events.



English Overview



This year, we will be learning English through our highly successful Read Write Inc. programme along with a range of exciting writing opportunities. These will be linked to a variety of traditional and much-loved stories, as well as cross-curricular writing opportunities. We are putting a strong emphasis on speaking and listening skills to help your child build up their confidence to write more independently.

Phonics and Reading

Our main focus this term is continuing to teach your child to recognise letter sounds quickly so that they can blend them effectively. This is when children say the sounds and put them together to read a word. This is largely addressed through our daily Read Write Inc. sessions and Guided Reading.

Writing

Here, our focus lies in teaching children correct letter formation and sounding out words carefully using our 'Fred Fingers'. We will be beginning to use capital letters and full stops in our writing and will be learning to do this through 'hold a sentence' activities, as well as encouraging children to build their own sentences. This writing will be based on some of the exciting stories we are reading in class.

SPaG

We will begin to learn to spell words using the sounds we've learnt in Read Write Inc. lessons, as well starting to learn to spell words using the suffixes 'ing', 'ed' and 'er'. Spelling quizzes will be introduced to children later this term.



Maths Overview



This term, our Maths work will focus mainly on counting accurately to 10 and understanding how to show and represent these numbers in different ways. This will include using numbers, counters, tens frames, words, fingers, objects and number tracks. Your child will learn to compare groups of objects and numbers by using the vocabulary: less than, greater than and equal to, then using the <, > and = signs.

Our calculations this term will be addition and subtraction of numbers to 10, again, showing and understanding this in a variety of ways. They will be using the signs: +, -, and = to show their workings. Your child will also learn to quickly identify and recall numbers one more or one less than a given number and understand how to find this. We will also be learning to name and recognise common 2D and 3D shapes and use them to make and identify patterns.

In order to deepen the children's understanding of concepts, we use a range of practical resources, as well as developing their reasoning and problem solving skills.



Science Overview



During the Autumn Term, we will be learning about the human body. Your child will name the different body parts and link these to the five human senses. In addition to this, we will explore different animals and children will learn to identify and name a variety of animals. They will also group them based on what they eat and compare their physical structure. Throughout the year, we will be learning about the seasons and making observations about the weather and length of day light.



Our Curriculum



RE: We will be exploring different aspects of the Christian religion, such as stories that are important to the faith, as well as looking at the place of worship.
History /Geography: As part of their History lessons, children will be developing an understanding of the past and will use this to help sequence events in their own life using photographs. They will use artefacts, such as toys from the past, to recognise how life is now different and will listen to and compare stories about the past to life now. In Geography, the children will develop an understanding of the world and use maps and globes to locate continents and oceans. Children will learn simple compass directions (North, East, South and West) and will use these to describe locations on a map. We will also study pictures of different locations and will compare and contrast them.

Art / Music / DT: In Art, children will be developing their drawing skills by using a variety of tools such as pencils, rubbers, crayons, pastels etc. They will develop techniques using lines, shapes and colours and will record their artwork in sketch-books. This half term, our art work will be centred around self-portraits. In DT, children will be developing their design, making and evaluating skills linked to homes. In Music, children will develop their understanding of a steady beat and will use their own bodies to respond to music and play rhythm patterns. When preparing for our Christmas production, children will be creating and responding to vocal sounds through a variety of different songs.

Computing: Children will develop an understanding of some of the risks of the internet and will learn about the importance of keeping personal information safe. They will also learn who they can trust to share this information with and who to go to for help. Children will become familiar with using the site 'Purple Mash'. They will learn to login safely and will use activities to group and sort shapes to support Maths work.

PE: Your child will take part in Happy Feet every Tuesday, and PE lessons on Wednesday afternoon. This session will be aimed at teaching the children the skills to play team games effectively.



Creative Homework



We hope that the Creative Homework tasks your children can choose from are activities you can all enjoy being involved in. The children always enjoy sharing their homework with their friends in class and we love seeing and hearing about what they have done. With regular homework checks, you will be kept updated with how many points your child has. We hope as many children as possible receive a certificate for their hard work!



Out and About



Linked to our work in RE, we will be visiting the local Church, St Nicholas with Christ Church, to explore the place of worship for Christians. As part of our work on seasons in Science we will also go on a local walk to explore the changes to nature during Autumn. More information will be provided about visits nearer the time.