



How to Help at Home



We are delighted with the feedback we have had both from parents and children on our new Read Write Inc. home reading books and your support with reading at home is greatly appreciated. We encourage children to read at home daily, and suggest a comment at least once a week is written in reading diaries. 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 children 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, magazines 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 at the start of each half term so children are prepared for each lesson. We will send these home for the half term holidays. Children have PE Tuesdays and Wednesdays and need trainers.
- Please put your child's name in their school uniform and PE kit; we often have jumpers and cardigans left in the classroom and it is very difficult to return them without names on.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school.
- Please support your child in learning their spellings for their quiz every Friday. Spellings get sent home on Monday.



Dates for the Diary



February

Wednesday 5th February
Tuesday 11th February
Wednesday 12th February

Valentine's Disco
Parent Consultations
Parent Consultations

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February Half Term

March

Thursday 5th March
Friday 13th March
Monday 16th March

World Book Day
Sport Relief
Healthy Me Workshop

Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April

Back to school



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

Curriculum Overview



Year 1



Spring Term



Welcome



What a busy and exciting first term we have had in Year 1! We would like to thank you all for your support so far and we look forward to the term ahead!



English Overview



This term, your child will continue to learn English through our highly successful Read Write Inc. programme along with exciting writing opportunities linked to some wonderful stories, as well as cross-curricular writing.

Phonics and Reading

We will be further developing our phonics skills, learning to 'Fred-in-our-head' (blend words without sounding out loud) to become more confident, fluent readers. We will also be focusing on 'Alien' words (nonsense words), as well as real words, to help children become more confident with their sounds and blending. We will be developing our skills of prediction and inference (what the text implies) through reading a number of familiar and new stories. Your child will be joining in with repeated phrases and rewriting stories to develop their understanding of story structure.

Writing and SPaG

This term, we will be continuing to develop our understanding of grammar and punctuation when writing sentences, and applying these now to longer pieces of writing. Spelling is taught as part of Read Write Inc., where children have the opportunity to practise spelling words with the sound they have been learning. In class your child will also continue learn to spell words using the sounds and patterns we've learnt in our English lessons, as well as spellings from the Year 1 exception word list. We will be continuing to learn to spell words with suffixes, as well as words with the prefix 'un'.



Maths Overview



This term, we will be further developing your child's counting and number recognition skills up to 20 and then beyond, learning how to represent these numbers in different ways, such as with tens and ones, with tens frames and other equipment. This is integral to your child's understanding of numbers and will then lead to a more secure understanding when adding and subtracting these numbers. We will also be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Later in the term, we will be learning to measure length and height using different, non-standard equipment, such as cubes and hands. Similarly, we will begin to measure weight using non-standard measurements, before progressing in both areas of measure to standard units. Through all of our Maths, we will be looking at different ways to apply our knowledge through real life, relevant contexts to embed understanding. Children will continue to use a range of practical apparatus in class, as well as developing their reasoning and problem solving skills.



Science Overview



This term, we are continuing our unit of work about animals, which we all thoroughly enjoyed last term. The children will develop their scientific skills by identifying and classifying animals based on what they eat (carnivores, herbivores and omnivores). We will also study different everyday materials, describing and comparing them, as well as carrying out practical investigations.

We will continue to study the four seasons and make observations about the weather and length of day light.



Our Curriculum



RE: This term, the children will be introduced to the Bible through different stories and characters. We will also learn the Easter story and about Christian practices.

PSHE: Children will explore different feelings and how they can present, as well as learning how to manage some negative behaviours. They will develop their understanding of their own behaviour and how this can impact others, as well as learning to value differences between people and respecting them.

History /Geography: This term, children will be learning about the achievements of Neil Armstrong in their History lessons. They will use sources to find out answers to questions and be able to recount his famous moon landing. We will compare Neil Armstrong's experience to present day astronauts, including women in space. In Geography, children will continue to develop their location knowledge using maps and globes. They will learn what a country is and that the United Kingdom is made up of different countries. Children will also explore human and physical characteristics of different locations.

Art / Music / DT: In Art, our focus is textiles and collage. We will be learning how to weave using paper and how to add decoration to our weaving using collage materials. We will also be studying the work of artists Gunta Stölz and Gustav Klimt. Children will also have the opportunity to learn some basic sewing skills, such as threading a needle and stitching. Our focus in DT will be on cooking and nutrition. Children will explore different fruits and vegetables, discussing the principles of a healthy, balanced diet. They will have the opportunity to try different foods, and design and prepare their own fruit salad based on class preferences. In Music, our focus is pitch. Children will develop an understanding of pitch through movement, voice and instruments linked to animals.

Computing: Children will create an algorithm and learn how to debug it. They will add detail to their algorithm in order to create challenges for their friends to complete. The children will also continue to develop their use of the keyboard.

PE: Your child will have PE every Tuesday as well sessions with Little Kickers on Wednesdays. During PE sessions, children will be developing their dance skills. They will learn how to use their bodies to create movements in order to reflect music and to tell stories.



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



Year 1 had a fantastic visit to the Centre for Life on 16th January! We are likely to be out and about locally, to link with various topics we will cover, and will update you accordingly.