

Dear families, we hope you enjoy our first curriculum newsletter for Year 1. This will tell you what your child will be learning during the first half term of school. If you feel you could contribute to our topics in any way, we would love to hear from you!  
From the Year 1 Team.

### **English** **Writing**

- To write labels and captions.
- To write descriptive sentences about ourselves and others.
- To use adjectives to describe characters and settings in a story.
- To write part of a story.

### **Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

- Leaving spaces between each word.
- Using capital letters at the start of a sentence, for names and the personal pronoun I.
- To punctuate sentences with full stops.
- To use 'and' to join words.

### **Reading**

Our focus texts for this half term are:

- Have a Go Mo
- Funny Bones

### **Computing**

- Moving the cursor and using the mouse buttons.
- Opening and closing programs on the computer.
- Deleting individual letters or words using the keyboard.
- Saving a piece of work.
- Printing a piece of work.
- ESafety: keeping passwords secret, importance of safe use of the internet.
- Use Paint tools to create artwork on the computer.

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## **All About Me Space Cadets**

### **History**

- Significant historical events and people (Neil Armstrong, timeline of space travel).

### **Maths**

#### **Place Value**

- Count in ones, forwards and backwards from any number (numbers to 20)
- Read and write numbers to 20 in numerals and in words.
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.
- One more and one less and a number.
- Counting in twos, fives and tens.

#### **Addition and Subtraction**

- Add and subtract one digit numbers including zero.
- Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.
- Solve one step problems using concrete objects and pictorial representations.

#### **Shape**

- Identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

### **Science**

- Identifying, naming, drawing and labelling parts of the body.
- Identifying which part of the body is associated with each sense.
- Recognising and identifying seasonal changes, describing weather.

#### **Forest School**

- Identifying seasonal changes.
- Identifying common, wild and garden plants.

## PE

If your child has pierced ears, please remove earrings on P.E. days or provide tape. Long hair must be tied back for that day or provide a bobble. Please can you provide your child with a sweat band to cover any religious jewellery.

**Year 1 PE is on Monday and Thursday**  
**Our focus for PE this half term is:**

- **Ball skills**
- **Dance**

## RE

Special books and stories.

- Harvest
- Diwali

## Important Dates

- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sep** – parent open afternoon 1.30 – 3.15pm
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sep** – Year 1 information evening 6 – 6.30pm
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – World Smile Day (dress in yellow)
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** - last day before half term.

Please can you ensure all uniform and PE kits are named. Your child should bring their book bag and water bottle to school every day.

## Geography

Ongoing identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.

## PSHE

Active Start

Wellbeing Wednesday

- Feelings and Emotions
- Healthy Relationships

## Art

- Using materials to make a collage.
- Sketching skills.
- Printing.

## Design Technology

- Design Alien underpants.
- Using levers and sliders to make a space rocket.

## Homework

Your child will have a homework book which will be sent home on Friday. Homework will be a mixture of writing, maths and topic. Homework books are due back on Wednesdays.

## Spellings

The children will be split into phonics groups taught by either Mrs Watson, Mrs Jones or Mrs Owens. The children will be given spellings homework on a Friday based on the sounds and tricky words they have been learning in their phonics group. The children will have a spelling test on the following Thursday (this will begin shortly).

## Reading

Reading books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday. Children will be reminded to put their reading packet in the reading box in their classroom. Reading books will be sent home from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Your child may get 2 reading books, one of which may help consolidate their phonic decoding skills. Please take time to share other books with your child when you can, as this will greatly enhance your child's language skills and love of reading!

## Maths

As part of the Year 1 maths curriculum, children will learn counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s, backwards and forwards. This learning will be ongoing throughout the year to deepen the children's knowledge (e.g. missing numbers, ordering). You may wish to help your child practise counting in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s at home.