



## Year 1 Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2017

### English

During this term, we will be developing our reading and writing skills through the 'Letters and Sounds' phonics programme. We will be focusing on applying knowledge and skills from phases 2, 3 and 4 to decode words as well as learning common exception words, for example: the, into, said etc. In reading, alongside using their phonic knowledge and skills, the children will explore a range of texts and develop their comprehension skills. We will be reading and writing stories set in fantasy lands, such as: space, underwater and in the sky. Furthermore, we will be exploring non-fiction texts, identifying common features such as captions and labels. We will also focus on punctuating sentences correctly with capital letters and full stops

### Mathematics

This term we will be practising a variety of mathematical skills. Our main focus for the first half term will be to read, write and recognise numbers to 100. This will be done through engaging with practical activities. From this, the children will use and apply their knowledge of numbers using the operations + - to add and subtract. Also this term, we will explore 2D shapes and their properties and using fractions to find a half. In addition to this, we will learn how to describe position, direction and movement. Children will also investigate using non-standard and standard units of measures, for example, measuring length using cubes (non-standard) and cm (standard).

### Science

Within Science, children will be investigating plants in the surrounding environment and also how the weather changes during the different seasons. Furthermore, we will be learning to describe and classify common materials, for example, wood, plastic, metal etc.

### Humanities

In Geography, we will be studying the United Kingdom, identifying capital cities and the countries within it. Cross curricular work linked to our 'Take One Picture' will also occur.

### Art and Design & Technology

This term we will be looking at the Take One Picture, 'Penelope and her Suitors'. In Art, we will develop our drawing, sketching and painting as well as sculpture and collage skills by exploring different textures and methods. In Design and Technology we will be exploring the use of materials and developing cutting, shaping and joining techniques.

### **Computing**

The children will learn the components of a computer such as the mouse, keyboard, monitor etc. Children will be introduced to simple coding programmes which teach the children to follow instructions to create algorithms. Furthermore, the children will learn about using the internet and the importance of being safe.

### **PE and Games**

This term we will be developing our practical skills in order to participate, compete and lead a healthy lifestyle through dance, games and gymnastics. Children will learn how to set up apparatus to perform sequences of movement in gymnastics. In dance, children will learn to use their bodies expressively in time to music.

### **PSHE & Philosophy**

Throughout the term children will develop an understanding of morals and values focusing on our school values of Respect and Friendship. Children will learn about keeping safe in school and how to be a good friend. Children will also be discussing relevant topics such as current global issues in our philosophy lessons.

### **Religious Education**

Our RE will consist of studying the Christian Harvest festival and the story of Christmas.

### **Spanish**

Each class will have weekly Spanish lessons, learning basic vocabulary, customs and traditions of the country. They will also be practising their oral and aural skills through a range of songs, games and activities.

### **Music**

Year 1 will have weekly music lessons in class where they will learn how to describe, compose and perform music. They will be using their voices expressively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Towards the end of the term, children will be participating in a Christmas Production.

### **How can you help us?**

- Please ensure that your child is in school at all times (excluding when they are ill) as any time missed will affect your child's learning.
- By reading with your child regularly (3x per week).
- By supporting your child with their weekly mathematics game and supporting spellings.
- Ensuring PE kits and books bags are in school on the designated days and clearly labelled.
- Making opportunities to discuss your child's learning.
- As the school strongly believes in partnership with parents we would be delighted to invite you into the classroom to share any skills or knowledge you have on the topics mentioned above.