

Year 1 Class Newsletter

Term 1 2021

What is Year 1 like in Term 2?

Year 1 will be taught using small group teacher led learning alongside independent challenges. This will support the children to increase their independence, develop their resilience and allow them to begin to manage their own learning. This approach will be used in Maths, Writing and Topic. There will be lots of time for Explore and Discover and the children will be set weekly challenges in school to encourage independence and responsibility.



Maths



In Maths this term, we will be focusing on numbers to 20. We will be learning to represent numbers using a range of representations such as part part whole models, tens frames and number tracks. We will also be using lots of manipulatives to build numbers. We will then use our knowledge to count forwards and backwards and find one more or one less.

At home, it would be helpful if children were encouraged to work on counting and writing numbers to 20 accurately.

Writing

In English this term, the children will be learning a story called 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. They will listen to the story, sequence the main events in the order they appear in the text and use drama to make the story come to life! We will be focusing on using finger spaces and using known sounds to spell unknown words and using finger spaces. We will also be working the children's letter formation and starting and finishing our letters in the correct place. Please help your child to practice using finger spaces and capital/lowercase letters when writing at home.

Topic: Way Back When

In Topic, we will be exploring toys from the past and present. We will be looking at how toys have changed and how features and materials have been improved over time. The children will also have the opportunity to bring in and share their special toy with the class. We will then use our knowledge to sort toys into old and new and place them onto a timeline. After comparing old and new toys, the children will design their own futuristic toy using their knowledge of how toys have changed over time.

Reminders

- Reading books and records need to be in every day as we would like the children to read daily. They will be changed and given out on Mondays and collected in on Fridays. An adult must sign the reading record to confirm that the child has finished reading their book.
- Children must have a water bottle in school each day. Learning is thirsty work!
- Children will need warm PE clothing as we try to go outside as much as possible.
- All school clothing to be labelled. This helps us out lots. 😊

Children's timetable

Monday: Reading books changed (2 books)
Library books changed
PE
Outdoor Learning

Thursday PE

Friday Spelling Shed- new spellings set
Reading books due in

Good to know

PE kit: White top, black or navy bottoms with a black or navy zip jacket.

Outdoor Learning: Children will need warm clothing and sensible footwear for their outdoor learning days.