

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2023

CLASS: Year 1 Strawberries



Dear parents/carers,

What a great first week we have had! It has been lovely getting to know the children and now remember all of their names! The children are settling well as we gradually move from free flow to a more structured style of learning from the EYFS Curriculum to the new National Curriculum.

Reminders

-To keep uniform, book bags and water bottles safe, please ensure that they are clearly labeled with your child's name and class or year. This will make it easier for lost items to find their way to you.

-If your child is having school dinners, please order a school lunch at home on School Grid.

-PE days - Monday and Friday. Children should come into school wearing their PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers) on this day. No change of clothes is needed.

CORE SUBJECTS

English writing

We will be developing our Literacy skills using a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. Our first book will be Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival. Throughout these units the children will be given lots of opportunities to work on their writing skills, learning to recognise when capital letters and full stops are required and to develop the skill of reading their work back in order to make any changes.

We will be using the **Reception 45 key words list**, moving onto the **Year 1 common Exception words**. We continue to build up our **tricky words** knowledge too.

We will be working on our **letter formation** and **beginning to use finger spaces and full stops** in our sentence writing.

English reading

Phonics will be taught daily following the RML scheme. We recap on individual sounds and focus on segmenting for spelling and blending them together to read words. We also introduce graphemes made from two or more letters such as: oa, ou, oi, ee, ea, ai, ue.

The videos below show all the sounds we will focus on over the year.

Set 1 sounds:

<https://youtu.be/Js-OxPcfVrE?si=K12ZYesKa8QR19jG>

Set 2 sounds:

https://youtu.be/t3YtrYLl8_s?si=cQtNkaVISKyM6vv1

Set 3 sounds

<https://youtu.be/Tm43orkPM2l?si=TRpXF6ZTMQo2qgCd>

Mathematics

In maths, we will be continuing to work with concepts around numbers to 20 including.

ordering, adding 1 more, 1 less and writing numbers.

We will develop our understanding of **combining 2 amounts** and recording these in a number sentence e.g $24+5=29$. We will also be developing an understanding of **subtraction** and how to record this.

We will be looking at **2D and 3D** shapes and beginning to measure time. We will be starting to look at **money** and will be exploring this through role play experiences e.g. a toy shop.

We will be beginning to look at **place value**.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Science

We will be thinking about animals and humans. We will be learning to sort animals into different types and linking learning to new vocabulary such as **amphibian, reptile, mammal** etc. We will also be looking at the definitions of **carnivore, herbivore and omnivore**.

We will be learning to **name and label parts of the human body** and thinking about the purposes of some of these parts.

PSHE

These sessions will be linked to our Jigsaw scheme using our class puppets, '**Jack**' and '**Jerry the Cat**.' This term we will be focusing on keeping safe, being ready to learn and promoting a sense of belonging.

RE

In our class assemblies we will be thinking about Harvest - looking at where we get fruit and vegetables and the Harvesting process. We will have discussions and stories around cultures and beliefs



Art

This term, our art will be linked to our work on plants and animals. Children will explore working with pastels, chalk, sketch pencil, pens, crayons, charcoal. We will also explore the concept of printing, looking at Julia Manning's work and her interest in plants, nature and animals.

PE

This term, pupils will study Dance, exploring travelling actions, movement skills and balancing. They will also learn fundamental skills such as balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. Children will also be using target games to develop their understanding of the principles of defending and attacking, using both underarm and overarm actions. Children should wear PE kits on Mondays and Fridays.

History

We will be looking at different types of toys - **old and new** and sorting them in **chronological** order. We will talk about how these toys have changed over time. The children will enjoy finding out about the toys their parents played with in the past and how these are different to their toys today!



DT

We will be thinking about fruit and vegetables and preparing food. We will be learning about simple mechanisms of **levers, sliders and pivots** as we make some of these minibeasts into moving pictures. We will also be learning about making stable structures.

Homework

-Please log in to **Google Classroom** and refer to the homework newsletter to see all of the exciting activities that have been planned.

Please read/listen to your child read for at least 10 minutes a day and record a comment in the reading diary. We would like children to bring in their book bags and diaries **everyday**. Smiley face stamps and certificates will be given for regular reading.

<p>Computing Children will learn about the importance of online safety, and how to identify which information is appropriate to share and post online and which is not. We will also learn about algorithms, including following and writing algorithms and explaining what inputs and outputs are. Children will also practise their mouse control skills.</p>	<p>Music The themes for this term are My Musical Heartbeat and Dance, Sing and Play. Using the Charanga music scheme, children will have the opportunity to sing a selection of songs and to improvise using a variety of instruments. Through these, they will explore musical elements such as rhythm, pitch and timbre.</p>	<p>Special weeks Wednesday 13th September: Roald Dahl Themed Lunch. Thursday 14th September: Cooking workshop for Year 1. Friday 15th September: Rosh Hashanah lunch. Friday 22nd September: Harvest Festival Lunch. 23.10.2023 - 27.10.2023: Half Term 30.10.2023 - 03.11.2023: Making a Difference Week Tuesday 31st October: Halloween Lunch Halloween Disco Friday 3rd November: Bonfire Night Lunch Friday 10th November: Remembrance Day Lunch 13.11.2023 - 17.11.2023: Anti Bullying Week Monday 13th November: Diwali Themed Lunch 04.12.2023 - 08.12.2023: Enterprise Week Tuesday 5th December: Hanukkah Themed Lunch Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Themed Lunch Year 2 Nativity Wednesday 20th December: Last day of Term</p>
<p>Please come and talk to us if you have any questions or just to introduce yourself!</p> <p>Shelley, Adian, Justine and Paula</p>		