

# Year 1 Curriculum Letter -Spring 1 2022

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the new year! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,  
The Year 1 team

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## Topic

Our new topic will be Toys. This will be the focus for our history, geography and other foundation subjects. We will be comparing old toys with modern toys and use a timeline to order them.



## English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on 'Billy and the Beast' and then finish the term with 'Lost and Found.' Pupils will write character descriptions, write letters of advice, non-chronological reports and write their own story. They will be taught to apply their phonics knowledge skills when reading and writing. Handwriting will also be an ongoing focus this term.

## Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value. This will include recapping and developing children's partitioning and calculation skills, leading onto addition and subtraction. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will continue to set Maths homework on Mathematics.



## Science

Our first topic is Seasons and we will be observing changes that occur across the four seasons and discuss weather in other countries. We will compare tropical climates with colder climates and with the weather in the UK.



## Music

The pupils will have weekly singing assemblies where they will learn a variety of new songs. In addition, pupils will get the opportunity to play different musical instruments in continuous provision as well sing nursery rhymes.

## Art/DT

We will be focusing on the artists Henri Matisse and Kandinsky this term to create our own art inspired by them.

## PE

Our lessons will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday every week. Please make sure PE kits are worn on these days. Our first PE focus will be team games and our inside PE lessons will focus on gymnastics.

### Rough daily timetable:

8.45-9:00 basic skills (handwriting, tricky words, etc)  
9:00-9.30 Phonics  
9.30-10.30 English  
Break  
10:45-11:45 Maths  
LUNCH  
12:30-1:30  
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE  
2:30-3:20  
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### Dates for the diary:

27<sup>th</sup> January - Holocaust Memorial Day  
27<sup>th</sup> January - Year 1 phonics meeting/coffee morning  
29<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February - National Story Telling week  
11<sup>th</sup> February - International Day of Women and girls in Science  
14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February - Half term