

# Key Stage 1 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2022

Welcome to the new academic year! We are looking forward to working with you throughout this academic year in order to support your child with their learning. 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 Key Stage One team

Venus Class - Lisa Burnett and Emma  
Mercury Class - Olivia Abrahams, Kerry and Dylan  
Earth Class - Rosie Hall, Funke and Barbara

## Topic

The children will be focusing on the Topic 'All around the world'. In Year 1 the children will be learning to identify the U.K. on a world map whilst Year 2 will be focusing on naming and identifying the continents and oceans. The children will learn the names of the countries in the U.K., their capital cities and the features of each of these countries. The children will go on a local area walk and Year 2 will learn more about major London landmarks.

## English (reading and writing)

In English the children will be focusing on the texts 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers; The Enormous Turnip and Jim and the beanstalk by Raymond Briggs. The children be developing their vocabulary through describing different scenes in the text, asking key questions; drama and retelling the main events in a story. Year 1 will focus on skills such as using their phonics to write the initial and last sounds in a word; orally rehearsing sentences; using full stops and capital letters correctly within simple sentences. Year 2 will build upon this and focus on using a wider variety of vocabulary; more adventurous punctuation and creating their own version of the Enormous turnip story using different vegetables and characters.

During reading sessions the children will either read with a teacher or TA; participate in phonics games they are learning during phonics and read a variety of different texts. Year 2 will begin to develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. All children will receive daily phonics sessions.

## Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value. In Year 1 the children will be focusing on counting and representing numbers to 10 and beyond; ordering numbers; using  $<$   $>$   $=$  signs to make comparisons and identifying 1/10 more and less. Year 2 the children will be learning to recognise the place value of numbers up to 100; how many tens and ones are in a 2 digit number; comparing and ordering numbers; learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s; and using a number line to add and subtract 2 digit numbers.

## Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at Animals including humans. Year 1 will be learning to identify different types of animals; sort them into particular categories; describing different life cycles and labelling the parts of the human body. Year 2 will build upon these skills and learn how to keep our bodies healthy and the correct Scientific vocabulary for different animals groups and their characteristics.

## Music

The children have begun weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher from Southwark Music services. Year 1 are learning to identify high and low notes whilst Year 2 will be learning to identify and create their own rhythms. Both classes will be learning a variety of songs and exploring different musical instruments.

## Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic. Children will be creating different landmarks using junk modelling and creating portraits of different scenes from around the world. The children will also be participating in a 'Big draw' event project in October – further details will be sent out to you.

## P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week – once with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network and once with their class teachers. Please make sure PE kits are brought into to school on Monday. Children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school and change before the lesson. Our first PE focus this half term will be Net games using hands. P.E. will take place on the following days:

**Mercury** – Tuesdays and Wednesday; **Venus** – Mondays and Wednesdays, **Earth** – Mondays and Wednesdays

## R.E.

The children will be focusing on 'Creation stories' from different religions. A special R.E. day will take place this term where children will participate in a range of activities related to this – drama, Art etc.

## Spanish

The children will be learning simple greetings, numbers and colours through songs.

## Key Dates

9:00 - 9:30 - Reading Groups

9:30 - 10:20 - Phonics/Handwriting

10:20 - 10:40 - Break

10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English and Focus group.

12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH

13:00 - 15:00 - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

15:00 - 15:30: Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

*Assembly takes place on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.*

19<sup>th</sup> September - Bank Holiday the Queen's State funeral

23<sup>rd</sup> September - KS1 Parents coffee morning (Reading focus)

26<sup>th</sup> September - Reading together parent sessions begin (these will be weekly on Mondays)

October - Black History Month

21<sup>st</sup> October - Big draw day (details to be sent out)

End of term