

# Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2023

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,

Venus Class

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## Topic

The children will be focusing on the Topic 'Who am I? In Year 1 the children will be learning to identifying parts of the U.K and locating London and Southwark on a map. They will be looking at physical and hand-made features of London alongside looking at the seasons and weather that the U.K experience. They will also be doing a local walk to see some of the famous landmarks near our school.

## English (reading and writing)

In English the children will be focusing on the texts 'The Coloured Monster' by Anna Llenas and 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers; the children will 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.

During reading sessions, the children will either read 1:1 either with Miss Lisa, Miss Jo or Miss Ellie. This will ensure that each child will be able to further develop their phonic and comprehensive skills and will be logged into their reading records. Whilst 1:1 read are happening, there will be reading activities including reading for pleasure happening which will also take place in the library so that the children are exposed to different books and reading environments.

## 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.

## Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at the season Autumn. We will explore the Autumnal season by using our senses in our school playground and the local environment. We will look at the activities and clothing that we might do in Autumn and what celebrations happen during this time.

## Music

The children have begun weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher from Southwark Music services. Venus class are learning how to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

## Art/DI

Art will be taught through our Topic. The children will be using clay to create their own portraits. To do this, they will learn lots of new skills and techniques in order to meet their final products. It will be a messy but fun topic and already excited to see the final results.

## 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 teacher. 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: **Tuesday and Thursdays.**

## R.E.

The children will be focusing on 'Belonging' in the religion Christianity. 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 - Phonics

9:30 - 10:20 - Maths/English focus groups and COOL time.

10:20 - 10:40 - Break

10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English focus groups and COOL time.

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.*

**6<sup>th</sup> September** - Children return

**25<sup>th</sup> September** - Reading parents coffee morning introduction to Reading together.

**29<sup>th</sup> September** - National Teaching Assistant Day

**5<sup>th</sup> October** - World Teachers Day

**WB 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents Evenings.

**20<sup>th</sup> October** - Parent event

**\*\*END OF TERM 20<sup>TH</sup> October\*\***