

Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 2 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

Venus Class - Lisa Burnett Joanne Gallagher, Ellie-Louise Angove and Stephanie Mitchell

Topic

The children will be focusing on the Topic 'Life then, Compared to Now.' In Year 1 the children will be learning to compare life from the past to life now; from The Victorian era through the, 50s, 60s, 70's, 80's and until now. This will include researching and learning about how schools were in the past, comparing what houses were like and looked like inside, the toys the children had and the type of toys they have now alongside the different types of transport from the past and how these changes have impacted our life today.

English (reading and writing)

In English the children will be focusing on the texts 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke and 'Billy and The Beast' by Nadia Shireen. The children will be developing their vocabulary through describing different scenes in the text, asking key questions; drama and retelling the main events of a story. Year 1 will focus on skills such as using their phonics to write words; orally rehearsing sentences and using full stops and capital letters correctly within simple sentences.

During reading sessions, the children will read 1:1 or in a group either with Miss Lisa, Miss Jo Miss Ellie or Miss Stephanie. This will ensure that each child will be able to further develop their phonic knowledge and comprehension skills. These reading sessions will be logged into their reading records. Whilst 1:1 reads are taking place, other children will be completing reading activities including, reading for pleasure. These sessions may take place in the classroom, or in the library so that the children are exposed to different texts and reading environments. **Please ensure your child brings their reading record and their reading book to school every day!**

Maths

Our focus in Year 1 for this half term is addition and subtraction moving into shape towards the end of the term. Children will be learning how to partition numbers using the part-part whole model and fact families. In shape, the children will be looking at and naming 2D and 3D shapes, looking at their properties and sorting them. Please keep accessing Mathletics for daily and weekly activities.

Science

In science this half term, we will be looking at 'Everyday Materials'. The children will become 'mini scientists' using every day materials to compare what material works best in our investigations. They will learn some of these experiments through rhymes and stories such as 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Music

The children have begun weekly Music lessons with a specialist 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

In Art and D.T, we will be focusing on Pop art using a range of colour and shape; this will be completed by using paint and dye.

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 gymnastics. P.E. will take place on the following days: **Tuesday and Thursdays.**

R.E.

The children will be focusing on 'How do Christians celebrate Christmas?'. This will be taught on a weekly basis.

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
10:20 - 10:40 - Break
10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English focus groups
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 Monday and Friday mornings.
Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events
or occasions in the school calendar.*

30th October - Children return
12th November - Remembrance Sunday
12th November - Diwali (Festival of Light)
13th November - KS1 Maths coffee morning
13th November - Anti Bullying Week / Wear Odd sock day
25th November - White Ribbon Day
28th November - Venus Class @ The Drawing Room 1:15-3:00pm
7th December - Christmas Jumper Day
7th December - Children's Christmas lunch
8th December - Winter Fair 3:30pm
11th December - House winner trip
14th December - Year 1/2/3 Carol Concert 2:30pm
14th December - Pantomime visiting the school.
20th December - Mid-Year reports sent home to parents.
****END OF TERM 20TH December****