

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Spring 1 2024

Happy 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 One Team

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Topic

The children will be focusing on 'Polar Regions – Frozen World'. In Year 1 the children will be developing their geographical knowledge using maps, atlases and globes to locate the Polar Regions. Children will look at seasonal changes and weather patterns focusing on hot and cold. We will look at communities and animals that live in polar regions and compare them to our local area.

English (reading and writing)

In English Year 1 will be focusing on 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. 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 phonetically plausible sentences; orally rehearsing sentences; using full stops and capital letters correctly within simple sentences. At the end of this book, they will re-write the story.

In year 1, we do our guided reading sessions in the afternoon where children will read in a group and focus on the three skills that they need for reading. They will explore the book and predict what might happen; they will then read with expression (prosody) and the third day they will focus on comprehension. Throughout the week, children will have opportunities to read 1:1 with adults. Monday afternoons, parents and carers are still invited to read with their children.

Maths

Year 1 will be revisiting place value this half term. The children will be focusing on counting and representing numbers to 20; ordering numbers; using the language of 'greater than,' 'less than' and 'equal to' to make comparisons and identifying more and less.

Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at Animals Including Humans. Children will be identifying and learning naming different body parts whilst conducting practical activities with their senses to spot patterns. The children will also look into exploring and comparing the weather, trees and day light hours across the 4 seasons.

Music

The children we been continuing their weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher, Chashe. Year 1 will continue to identify high and low notes while creating their own rhythms and exploring different musical instruments. We will be learning a variety of songs and practice them during our weekly singing assembly.

Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic and Science. Through our D.T. lessons children will be develop clear design to create a structure of a polar region home. As part of our Art sessions we will be evaluating a sharing our opinions on different artists work. We will create a landscape using different media.

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; Miss Burnett. This half term we will focus on Dance. This half term, Year One children will be allowed to attend school in their full PE kits. This means that their PE kits should be the correct PE kits which includes; black tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, Velcro strapped trainers (unless your child can do up their own shoe laces) and their grey Grange school jumper. Letters will go out to parents to whose who do not attend school in full PE kits on the days listed below. Throughout the school year pupils will have opportunities to take part in other specialist sessions like dance and yoga which we will contact you if this happens so you are prepared.

P.E. will take place on the following days:

Venus – Tuesdays and Thursdays

R.E.

The children will still be investigating the concept of belonging and relating it to how the key beliefs and practices in Hinduism help Hindus feel like they belong to their religion. This will be taught through activities and stories throughout the term.

Spanish

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

Key Dates

Year 1

9:00 - 9:30 - Phonics

9:30 - 10:20 - Maths/English

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 Monday and Friday mornings.

Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.

15th January - Parents Reading for Pleasure sessions (Mondays 3 - 3:30) starts.

27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day

28th January - National Story Telling Week

2nd February- Number Day

5th February - Mental Health Week

6th February - phonics Screening Coffee morning- 9.15am followed by phonics games in class with your children 😊

6th February- Safer Internet Day

7th February - Chinese New Year

8th February- DT Cooking Day

9th February - Tutorial Day

12th February - 16th February- Half Term