

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Summer 1 2024

Happy half term. 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

This half term, in Year 1 we will be focusing on 'The Magic of Flight'. The children will be developing their historical knowledge by ordering national events that have taken place during living memory and national events that are beyond their memory. We will focus on significant individuals from the past and present that have contributed to both national and international achievements. The children will also be attending the RAF museum for a hands-on approach to the topic.

English (reading and writing)

In English we will be focusing on 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max and 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' by Katie Haworth. The children will continue to develop their phonics knowledge and their vocabulary throughout these units. Year 1 will focus on skills to help them write simple and compound sentences using different type of word classes (verbs, adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions), by orally rehearsing what they are going to write. Children will continue to develop their use and knowledge of full stops and capital letters and other forms of punctuation.

Each week Year 1 will continue their guided reading sessions 3 times a week focusing on three skills; predictions/reading, prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension. Children will also be read with 1:1 with a member of staff throughout the week too.

Maths

Year 1 will continue to learn about measurement with non-standard units, scales for heavier and lighter and capacity recognising full, half-full and empty. They will also be introduced to multiplication and division by making equal groups alongside counting in 2s, 5s and 10s this half term.

Science

For science this half term, Year 1 will continue learning about comparing animals and will move on to having a focus on plants where they will learn what a plant is, the parts of a plant and what plants need to grow in a healthy environment.

Music

The children we be continuing their weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher, Chashe and will continue to follow beats using their voices and instruments. They will listen to a range of music that they will find rhythm with.

Art/DT

For Art and DT children will be designing and creating their own 3D bird focusing on sculpture.

P.E

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week - one with a specialist P.E. coach and one with their class teacher; they will have a focus on athletic sports this half term. Please remember that the children will need to attend to school in their PE kits. P.E kits are **black tracksuit bottoms or shorts** (for warmer days), **white t-shirt**, their **grey Grange school jumper** and **trainers with velcro straps** (if your child still does not know how to do their shoe laces). Letters will sent out if your child does not attend school with their P.E kit explaining that they have not completed their P.E lesson. If there are any other days that your child will need their P.E kits, you will be informed. P.E. will take place on the following days:

[Venus - Tuesdays and Thursdays](#)

R.E.

We are continuing the theme 'What does it mean to belong?' With a focus on 'What does it mean to be a Muslim?' and will then move on to 'How do you belong to Sikh?' These units will continue to have aspects of stories, art and writing.

Computing

In computing this half term, the children will become little publishers and will be creating their own E-book. They will do this with lots of planning, patience and thinking. Children will learn skills such as; recording their own voices, downloading photos that match their sub-headings and having discussions about their content in their E-books.

Phonics

The children will still continue with their daily phonic lessons focusing on Phase 5. We hope to close any gaps that the children have on the run up to the Phonic Screening Check. Your continued support of this is much appreciated.

Key Dates

Year 1

9:00 - 9:30 - Phonics
9:30 - 10:20 - Maths/English input and focus groups.
10:20 - 10:40 - Break
10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English and Focus group.
12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH
13:00 - 13:30 - Guided reading sessions.
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 April - Inset Day
16th April - Children return back to school
23rd April - St Georges Day
6th May - May Bank Holiday
Week beginning 6th May - Deaf Awareness week
Week beginning 13th May - Book fair and National
Walk to school week.
21st May - Class group photos
22nd/23rd May - Ranger Stu visiting
HALF TERM - Monday 27th -Friday 31st May
3rd June - Children return back to school
Week beginning 10th June - Year 1 Phonic Screening
Check
Week commencing 17th June - Sports week
18th June - KS1 sports day
21st June - Windrush Day
19th July - Carnival of Cultures and international
food festival
22nd July - Children to meet their new teacher
24th July - End of Year reports go out
25th July - last day of school closing at 2pm.