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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



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'Brilliant Britain'



Literacy

We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts with familiar settings including the books: 'Who's Our New Teacher' and 'My Brother'. We will be learning to write and perform poetry, and looking at what makes a good set of instructions before writing our own. We will be using our phonic knowledge to help us spell and using basic punctuation when writing sentences.

Numeracy

We will be practising counting up to 50 objects; counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s; reading, recognising and writing numbers in numerals and words; learning number bonds to 10; doubling numbers to 10 and beyond; naming and sorting 2D shapes; adding and subtracting using number lines and tracks; and recognising U.K. coins.

Science

We will be looking at all four seasons and the weather associated with each. We also find out about how the length of the day varies throughout the year. Pupils will work scientifically to make tables and charts about the weather, including day length, as the seasons change.



PE

We will be exploring how to use our bodies by making meaningful and controlled movements aimed at developing core strength.

RE

Our topic this term is 'Belonging'. We will be thinking about groups we belong to and looking at different religious symbols.

History

We will be learning about events from beyond living memory such as the Great Fire of London, and comparing London then with London now.

Geography

We will be studying the different countries in the UK, their similarities and differences, and looking at significant landmarks in each.

Art & Design

We will be learning to colour mix to make artwork on the Great Fire of London. We will be designing and making flags and we will look at the work of a significant artist.

PSHE

Our theme this term is 'New Beginnings' covering empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation. We are also continuing with 'Mind Up', helping us to understand how our brain works and affects our behaviour.

Computing

We will be learning how to log on to a computer using a password, save and access digital content and how to use technology safely.

Music

We will be exploring pitch, using our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

Important Information

- Children should read to an adult at home for at least ten minutes a night. Books and reading records must be brought to school every day. Children also need to practise their recognition and spelling of common exception words: these can be found at the front of their reading diary along with the phase 3 and 5 graphemes from our phonics programme of study.
- Children's homework will be in the form of a half-termly grid of activities designed to fit with our themes and topics. Choose two activities to complete each week. Please return homework books on a Wednesday so that we can track progress. Books will be given out again on Fridays.
- PE in Year 1 is on a **Tuesday for 1CG Bumblebees** and **Friday for 1G Dragonflies**. Please ensure that suitable PE kit, including a change of footwear, is in school at all times. Jewellery must not be worn on PE days and should be removed at home before coming to school.
- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to drink from during the day. Please do not send squash, fruit juice or sugary drinks of any other kind.
- Finally, as children progress through Year 1, we would like to encourage children to become more independent and start taking responsibility for their own learning needs. We are available to talk before and after school or via the office at other times.