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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



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'Me, You, Us'



Literacy

We will be using the text 'My Brother' to support early writing across the year group. The children will be learning to recognise and use upper and lower case letters to write the names of people and to start a sentence. They will begin to use simple punctuation such as finger spaces between words and full stops to end a sentence.

The children will take part in weekly shared reading sessions, developing their sight word recognition and applying the decoding skills taught in phonics lessons. Through this, they will experience a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Numeracy

The children will begin the year revising their number knowledge within 10 to ensure they have a solid understanding of each single-digit number. They will become secure in reading, writing and recognising each number to 10 as well as representing each number in a variety of ways, including as a written word. We will introduce the symbols for addition, subtraction and equals, and use these mathematical operations to solve simple calculations practically.

The children will also identify and name 2D shapes within their environment, exploring how these can be used to create 3D shapes.

Science

In science, we will be focussing on our bodies and our senses. The children will name an increasing number of human body parts and learn to label simple diagrams to show this. We will be exploring the body's five senses, using them practically to smell, taste, feel, hear and see.

Towards the end of the half term, we will investigate autumn weather patterns, observing closely the seasonal changes.



Phonics

This year we will start by revising Phase 2 and 3 phonics to ensure the children are all secure in the recognition of these phonemes and graphemes. They will have two phonics sessions a day.

Alongside phonics, the children will also take part in handwriting sessions and sight word games and activities. Please keep an eye out for any extra activities that you can use at home.

PE

The children will be developing their running and jumping skills in our outdoor PE lessons. In our indoor sessions, they will be developing balance and core strength skills using basic yoga movements.

RE

Our topic this term is 'Belonging'. We will be thinking about the groups that we belong to in and out of school. We will also begin to identify the symbols that are important to people who belong to different faiths.

History & Geography

We will be exploring Aylestone and Leicester to identify local landmarks and how homes have changed over the years. Hopefully we will go on a walk around the local area to spot the different types of homes that are built around us.

Art & Design Technology

The children will be developing their painting techniques by painting a self-portrait looking closely at the different features of their faces. We will also study the work of Paul Klee and create our own landscapes out of 2D shapes.

PSHE

We will be following the 'Bounce Back to School' scheme each day which will have a different focus each week. We will also continue to promote British Values and "The Granby Way".

Music

The children will explore body percussion during this half term. They will follow patterns such as clapping, tapping and stamping before creating their own sequences.

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 Year 1 phonics programme of study.
- Homework will be handed out on a Friday. It does not need to be returned to school due to Covid-19 measures. We may also allocate an online activity using Education City.
- PE in Year 1 is on a **Monday for 1L Bumblebees** and **Wednesday for 1G Dragonflies**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. 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 as these are not permitted in the classroom.
- Finally, as children progress through Year 1, we like to encourage them to become more independent and to start taking responsibility for their own learning needs. We have already seen them responding really well to the new morning routine of entering school on their own and putting away their belongings. A fantastic start!