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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 and 3D shapes within their environment.

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

We will start the year by revising phase 3 and 4 phonics to ensure that children are all secure in the recognition and application of these phonemes and graphemes in reading and writing. They will have two phonics sessions a day. Please keep an eye out for the sounds we are revising each week: they will be displayed in our class windows. 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

In our outdoor sessions, we will be learning to play a variety of games that can be played on the playground at break and lunch time. We will be using the Real PE scheme for our indoor sessions, focussing on coordination and static balance.

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 discover how homes have changed over the years. Please talk about the different types of homes that you can see on your way to school. Can you spot a flat or a terraced house?

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. They will listen to a story about Frida Kahlo. We will also study the work of Paul Klee and create our own landscapes out of 2D shapes.

PSHCE

We will be talking about and sharing stories around new beginnings, friendships and coping with new situations. The children will identify different feelings and develop strategies for overcoming these.

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 at least three times a week following our Home Reading Agreement. Books and reading diaries must be brought to school every day.
- Homework will be handed out on a Friday and will always relate to something that the children have discussed or worked on during the week. This needs to be returned by the following Wednesday.
- PE in Year 1 is on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. All jewellery must be removed at home before coming to school.
- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to drink from during the day.
- 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!

