

Year 1
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1 - 2022

Welcome to Year 1!

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back into school. They have all settled in well and are becoming used to new routines and procedures.


We look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Eastol and Miss Daum

English

In English this half term, we are looking forward to getting to know Paddington Bear through reading 'Paddington Bear' and 'Paddington at the Tower'. We will be recalling information we know about Paddington and writing these into sentences making sure our sentences have capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Later on in the half term we will explore writing instructions. We will think about the purpose of them and will write our own instructions after making our own marmalade sandwiches!



We will be reading
Paddington Bear



Geography: Spatial Sense

In this unit, we will be exploring simple maps of our school and local area. We will be using compass directions and locational language to describe features and routes on maps. We will be having a go at plotting our route to school and finding our way round the Pathfinder grounds from our own maps. We will begin to look at aerial photographs to see if we can identify some human and physical features such as roads, houses and parks.

Science: The Human Body

In science, we will be building on our understanding of the human body by looking at systems that operate within our bodies. This includes the skeletal system, the muscular system, the circulatory system and the digestive system. We will learn how food gives us energy so we can move and grow, as well as the importance of maintaining healthy lifestyles in order to keep our bodies healthy.

Art: Colour and Shape

In this unit we will be finding out what primary, secondary, warm and cool colours. We will be looking at Kandinsky's 'Squares with Concentric Circles', Delaunay's 'Electric Prisms' and Monet's 'The Beach at Trouville'. We will practise colour mixing and brushwork skills. Using our knowledge of different colours to create our own artwork based on the artists we have found out about.

In **R.E** our big question will be 'Who made the world?'. We will explore the Christian story of Creation and reflect on what we are thankful for in the world today.

In **PSHCE** we will be studying 'Rights, Rules and Responsibilities' and will practise our speaking and listening skills when engaging in class discussions.

In our indoor **PE** sessions we will be participating in dance activities, linked to the Great Fire of London. Our outdoor **PE** lessons will be taught by Mr Rogers and will focus on fundamental skills. PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

Maths

In Maths this half term we are looking at place value and recalling important number facts that we learnt at the end of the Summer term. This includes counting forwards and backwards (1-20), counting on and backwards from a chosen number, looking at one more and one less than a given number and being able to compare numbers. We will do this in many practical ways such as through song and dance as well as using manipulatives to visually represent and embed this into our learning as well as focusing on their written number formation.

Year 1 Key Information

School planners should be in school every day. They are a key part of our communication with you so please check them regularly. All children also need to have their reading book in school every day. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This should be recorded in their planners and will be checked by school staff weekly. Five reads results in a raffle ticket for a chance to win our half termly prize.

PE kits need to be in school throughout the week. Our outdoor PE lessons are on **Tuesday** and indoor PE lessons are on **Friday**.

Our library slot is on a Tuesday. Please make sure library books are back in school for this so they can be changed and choose another book.

Teaching Arrangements

Miss Eastol teaches Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Beech class. Miss Daum teaches Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Cedar. Mrs Green teaches Monday in Cedar and Tuesday morning in Beech. All children in Key Stage 1 participate in a rotation of lessons taught by different adults on a Tuesday afternoon.

Home Learning

Our home learning this half term will include daily reading and an activity from our 'Pic and Mix' sheet (stuck into home learning books). We will also set a home learning project linked to Science. If you would like the 'Pic and Mix' to be looked at weekly please make sure home learning books are in school on a **Thursday** and will be returned to you on a **Friday**.

Date for your diary:

Wednesday 21st September (7pm) – Parent Information Evening