

Year 1 Newsletter

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Curriculum information

Our topic in Term 1 is
'Where do I live?'



As a school, we recognise that the current situation is going to be a real challenge and as such we are prioritising the children's safety and wellbeing upon their return to school. This term we will be spending a lot of time completing our extensive return to school PSHE programme to ensure all children feel safe in school.

Topic, which will link our learning together, is about our community. We will also learn to make simple maps of our school and local area. We will be learning about the points of the compass and also thinking about the different types of buildings that we find in our town and what they are made of. The children will learn about belonging to different groups such as family, school, etc. We will learn how we need rules to keep us safe and happy and how we look after each other. We will be thinking about how the school's rules 'Be Ready, Be Kind, Be Safe' apply to us.

In **English**, the children will practise their phonic skills in a daily phonics session. They will develop their sentence writing and their awareness of finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. There will also be a big focus on letter formation.

In **Maths**, we are ensuring that all the skills that they learned in Reception are built upon. We will be thinking about counting, ordering and manipulating numbers up to 20 as well as adding and subtracting.

In **Science**, we will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Reading

The children will continue to engage in Reading sessions—both whole class and individually. We will be checking the reading folders every day, and changing books when children have read at home with their parents. Children will have the opportunity to continue to learn to read through Phonics session but will have equally important opportunities to share and enjoy books together to build a love of learning. It is important to remind you that regular reading sessions with their grown ups will have a fantastic impact on the progress that your children make. Please read with them as much as you can. Every child in the class will be read with daily in order to support reading.



P.E Wednesday

Due to COVID, please could you ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit (appropriate to the weather, (trainers, red shorts and white t-shirt and/or tracksuit).

Please could you also remove earrings on these days for health and safety reasons.



MEET and GREET

It was great to meet you on Thursday 3rd September. We know it is a very different situation to what we are used to but if you have any questions, please email us:

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How can you help at home?

Listen to your child read as much as possible and share other books with them.

After reading a book ask your child questions about the story to build their comprehension.

Support your child with their homework each week. Homework will be on Seesaw.



Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.

Online Safety

This term we have set some online safety rules to use in class and at home. This is especially important as we have been completing a lot of online learning. The children know that if they see anything online that makes them feel worried, then they should tell a trusted adult and ask them to help.

