

Year 1 Newsletter

Class Teacher: Mrs Garner

Why do buildings change over time?



Year 1 Reading

At the beginning of this academic year we will focus on assessing where the children are in terms of letter and sound recognition. Once we have completed this assessment we will send reading books home matched to your child's current reading level. You can help at home by reading a few pages together and then stopping to ask questions like:

'What has happened in our story so far?' 'What do you think will happen next?'

In school we will be working on the Read Write Inc Phonics programme which again will be matched to the children's abilities. This programme will support the children's letter and sound recognition whilst helping them to learn how to read and write in a fun manner. Due to the nature of Covid-19 we need to quarantine the children's reading books. To do this we will collect books in on a Friday and send new one's home on the following Monday.

A Big Hello!

I just wanted to say a big hello and give a warm welcome to Year 1. In normal circumstances we would have had much more contact before the children moved to their next year group and new teacher, however, being classroom neighbours last year has helped me get to know your lovely children; hopefully they know me quite well too and if not, they know a certain Mr Ruck very well! As well as myself and Mr Ruck, the children will get to know Miss Hume as their teaching assistant.

As I am sure you are aware in this academic year we will face challenges the like which we have never seen before, however, our school has been very proactive about planning for the future and we cannot wait to get started!

Year 1 Homework

As well as reading four times a week, which is in line with our school policy, the children will also need to complete homework.

This will be completed via the Padlet which can be accessed on the Year 1 website.

PE

Year 1 will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon with our new sports coaches.

Please ensure the children come into school their PE kits on a Wednesday.

The children will also be swimming for the first half term on a Tuesday and Friday morning so please pack them the following kit: swimming shorts/costume and a towel.

Dear Children, Parents
and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely summer break. We look forward to hearing what the children have been up to!

This term our focus will be on answering the question: Why do buildings change over time? You can find more information about our curriculum in this newsletter.

Our class routines for reading and homework are outlined in this newsletter, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks again for your continuing support during this unprecedented time,

Mrs Garner, Mr Ruck
and Miss Hume

Year 1 Curriculum

Why do buildings change over time?

In Maths, we will start by working on numbers within ten ensuring the children have a secure understanding of what each number looks like on paper as well as using concrete resources such as blocks etc., how to count to a given number, finding one more and one less as well as addition and subtraction within ten. We will also be introducing reasoning and problem solving to the children so they can show off the knowledge they have learned.

In Science, we will be exploring materials and their properties which will allow us to choose the correct materials when building our own futuristic house! To do this we will be completing a few investigations and learn how to ask and answer scientific questions like “Why aren’t cars made out of cardboard?”

This half term we will be also be teaching the children about their local area as well as their place in the world. We will be asking the children to bring in a photo of their own home to talk about so please have this prepared. If you do not have a printer at home please send the photos to the office and I can print them from there.

Linked closely to our geography will be our history work, we will be looking at houses from the past and investigating what is different about them. Again, the children will be able to apply their geography and science knowledge to help them build an answer.

As mentioned above PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure all earrings are removed prior to this and all clothing is labelled with your child’s name.

RE this term will focus on Christianity we will be focusing on what Christians believe God is like. To do this the children will study some Bible texts such as The Fall to form their own opinion.