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Dear Parents,



Welcome to Year One! We have changed things around in the classroom to help things flow better and use the space more effectively this year, we hope you like it!

The children have settled in very well this term. They are working well in class and we are really enjoying having them!



Our topic this term is "All About Me". We are linking this theme to literacy and writing based on the story 'Funny Bones'. In science we are learning about how our bodies work and we will be experimenting to see how our senses work. In music we are learning to sing songs linked to our topic and to listen and respond to recorded music. In art we are creating skeleton pictures using a range of materials and in PSHE we will be learning how to look after ourselves.



This year we will be practicing our phonics daily and we will be sending phonics work for you to do at home too. Our guided reading sessions are tailored for each group, with an adult working with each group twice a week. We also set follow up tasks that the children work on independently. During the week the children have the responsibility of using our reading area in class as an independent group as well.

In literacy and topic work we will be focussing on handwriting, especially letter formation, sentence structure and punctuation. We will be sending home spellings each week to practice at home and we have the common exception words that the children need to know in Year 1 on our spelling wall.

In maths we are currently working on number; number recognition, counting forwards and backwards, more and less, place value and addition and subtraction. As part of our maths curriculum we also have a weekly reasoning lesson, where the children are encouraged to problem solve collaboratively. We also set a weekly challenge for each group to tackle during the early bird slot. We have created a special space in the mezzanine level for the children to go to independently to grapple with the weekly problem!

We will set homework each week on a Friday, please complete this by the following Wednesday. This may be a task to be completed in their homework books or on Education City. The activities on Education City help to consolidate what we are learning in class.

This year the children have a weekly Forest School session, which we are linking to science. We will aim to be outside as often as we can in this slot. When the weather turns more autumnal we would appreciate if you could provide wellies and a waterproof coat as it can get a bit muddy on the school field. We are also grateful of extra help in this slot, so if you are available on a Friday afternoon to help out, please let us know.

The most important thing you can do to help your child this year is to read with them and to them as often as you can. It doesn't need to be for very long, but reading regularly will encourage and inspire them to read. Please let us know how often you read at home, by recording this in their reading diary and please remember to send it with them to school every day. Mrs Hedges will change their reading books for them during the week.

We have a star of the day award which we often give out at the end of the day for working really well in class. If your child brings it home, please return it the following day!

Thank you very much for dropping your child at the classroom entrance in the mornings this really helps us to settle into our early bird task in the mornings, we really appreciate your support.

The Year 1 Team

PSHE

How to look after things that are important.
How to look after our friends
How to keep our bodies healthy.
Creating a class charter - rules to follow in class to keep us happy and safe.

RE

Creation - What God made on each of the 7 days.
Prayers, Saints and Feasts -
Important people and celebrations.
Islam

Mathematics

Place value - knowing the order of numbers and their value.
Addition - using symbols + and =
Subtraction - using symbols - and =
One more and one less
Writing numbers in words.

Science

The Body- labelling the body; learning about the five senses and what we use our senses for.
Seasonal Changes - Looking at different types of weather and completing a weather chart.

ICT

Algorithms - being able to follow instructions carefully and correctly.

Music

1-2-3 good to be me and listening to sounds - link to 'all about me' - senses
Rhythm - using our body to create different sounds
Pitch
Season related songs- linked to the book used in Literacy

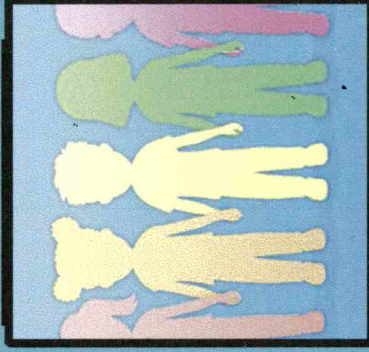
Humanities (Geography & History)

Wonderful Weather - looking at the seasons
A history of toys

English

Daily Phonics - Read Write Inc
Guided Reading - reading in small groups with an adult.
Funny Bones - retelling the story in own words.
Descriptive piece on animals linking to Science.
Seasons - Information book.
Handwriting practice
Grammar

All about me! Year 1 Autumn 2018



Art and DT

Friendship Tree - drawing around our friend's hands - teamwork and being co-operative linking to one of the DASP caterpillars.
Craft linking to Funny Bones
Using materials to create the 7 days of Creation.
Using collected materials in Forest School to create leaf lanterns.