



Social, Moral, Spiritual and Emotional Development

Our SMSC focus this term is 'New Beginnings'. We will be talking about what makes us special and why. We will be thinking about how to make our classroom a good place to learn. We will be continuing to learn about our feelings and how to solve problems in a positive way. We will be learning about Harvest, Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah. We will continue to develop our independent learning skills across the curriculum.



Ideas For Helping Your Child At Home

- Please continue to read with your child at home regularly. Five minutes a day of sharing a book and talking about it will make a massive difference to their view of themselves as readers. Individual reading books will be changed when an adult from home has read the book with the child and written in their log book. Your child's reading target will also be stuck into the reading log so that they can practise it at home.
- Book bags are needed in school **every day**.
- Practising reading key words and spellings at home will also have a positive impact on your child's reading and writing development. Playing games, turning the words into flash cards, even saying them in the car or on the way to school will help.
- Talking to your child about their day at school is very useful and important. It helps the children remember important ideas and explain what they have learnt, and helps to embed it further in their mind.
- Children need to have their PE kit in school **every day**. We have specific PE sessions each week but kit may be used at other times.
- Maths games will be sent home on a **Friday** each week to play at home. Please return them to school on the following **Monday**.



Curriculum Letter
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Year One

Dear Parent/Carer

In order to keep you up to date about your child's learning journey, detailed within this leaflet is a brief overview of our current learning focuses in Year One. We hope this information will help you to talk to your child about their learning experiences and reinforce this at home.



English

Our reading focus is on retelling a story using story words and answering questions about what we have read.

In writing we are learning to write more than one sentence about a picture or character. We will be learning how to check that our sentences make sense.

Our narrative focus for this term will be fantasy stories. We will be reading different superhero stories and learning to retell them using story words. We will be learning about the characters & settings. We will be using adjectives and writing character descriptions. We will be drawing story maps and learning how to write our own version of a superhero story.

Our non-fiction focus will be instruction writing. We will be learning how to write sets of instructions for different everyday tasks and how to make an outfit for a superhero. We will also be reading and writing poems using our five senses to link with our science work this term.

We will continue to develop our phonic knowledge and practise using known sounds to write regular words independently (Fred Talk). We will be continuing to learn how to read and spell our key words. Correct letter formation and joined handwriting will also be practised throughout the term.



Maths

This term our main focus will be learning to read and write numbers to 20 and beyond in numerals and words. We will be counting to 100 forwards and backwards starting on different numbers and finding the number that is 1 more or less. We will use different equipment to represent numbers and help us understand the value of each digit. We will be continuing to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction within 20 and we will learn how to record number sentences using the correct symbols. We will be learning our number bond facts to 10 and 20. We will be learning how to estimate, measure and compare the length or height of different objects and measure them using different units. We will be learning to tell the time to the hour and sequence events in chronological order. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties. We will learn how to use positional language.



Topic

Our topic for this half term is Heroes and Heroines.

Next half term's focus will be Festivals, finding out about celebrations in Autumn including Bonfire Night and Carnival. Throughout our Heroes and Heroines topic we will be using our investigative skills to find out about heroic figures in our community and through history such as Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart. We will be using our science skills to find out about our amazing bodies including our 5 senses. We will learn about how to keep our bodies healthy and design our own healthy snacks. Our creative development will be based around printing and sewing. In music we will be using instruments to make different sounds and composing our own superhero sound patterns! Our physical development focus for this term is multi-skills and creating and performing dances. In ICT we will be continuing to develop our mouse control and e-safety skills.