



Social, Moral, Spiritual and Emotional Development

Our SMSC focus the first half term is 'Relationships' and 'Going for Goals'. We will be continuing to learn about our feelings and how to solve problems in a positive way. We will be talking about our talents and celebrating what makes each of us special. We will be learning about different festivals including Easter and talking about the world around us. 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.



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 Guided Reading focus is on understanding a story or information text. We will be learning how to use the pictures, words and sentences to answer questions about what we have read. Our writing focus is writing sentences that follow on and putting our ideas in groups.

Our narrative focus for this term will be stories with familiar settings. We will be reading different 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 story set in our own homes.

Our non-fiction focus will be 'Information Texts'. We will be learning about the features of information texts and how to use them to find information. We will be writing information about dinosaurs and creating our own fact files and information books.

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.



Maths

This term we will continue to read and write numbers to 20 and beyond in numerals and words. We will be counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s and finding the number that is 1 more or less. We will be using our understanding of addition and subtraction to help us solve simple problems. We will be learning our number bond facts to 10, 20 and 100. We will be using objects to multiply and divide. We will begin to record calculations using the \times and \div sign. We will be learning how to estimate, measure and compare the weight and volume of different objects and measure them using different units. We will continue to develop our telling the time skills to the hour and half past. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties. We will be using our data handling skills to show information in lists, tables and graphs. We will continue to develop our coin recognition and money skills by counting totals in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Topic



Our topic for this half term is Dinosaurs, finding out about those amazing creatures that lived on our planet so long ago! We will learn about different types of dinosaurs, what they ate and how they protected themselves. We will find out about fossils and even make some of our own! Next half term's focus will be Shepton Mallet, our local area. We will be using our senses to find out more about our town. We will be visiting local landmarks and thinking about how Shepton has changed. We will be using our science skills to find out about different materials. Our creative development will be based around digital media and observational drawing. Our PE focus for this term is gymnastics. We will be further developing our mouse control and learning how save our work.