

KS1 Curriculum Newsletter

What we are learning about...

Topic: Our topic this term is 'Stories'. Through this topic the children will have the opportunity to explore different stories, with a particular focus on Julia Donaldson.

English: In English, Year 1 will be reading and writing stories and focusing on basic sentence writing skills and understanding the structure of a story. Year 2 will be reading a variety of stories before undertaking character and setting descriptions along with writing own versions.

In **Computing**, Year 1 will be developing their basic ICT skills using a range of programs and looking at the importance of E safety. Year 2 will be looking at the importance of E safety and creating their own stories.

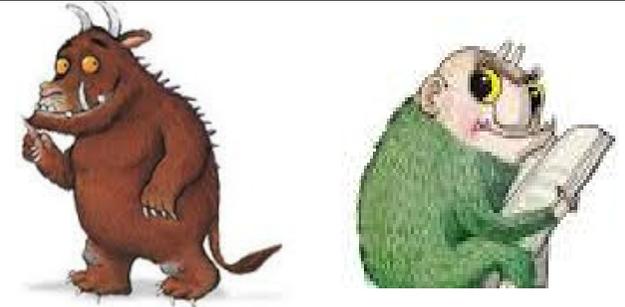
Maths: In maths, Year 1 will be focusing on identifying, ordering and writing numbers. We will be counting accurately and finding one more and less than a given number. We will also partition numbers into tens and ones.

Year 2 will be looking at number and place value. We will look at the value of two digit numbers, learn the difference between odd and even numbers, use the greater than and less than symbols and use place value to solve word problems. We will use a variety of maths resources.

In **Science** we will be learning about materials. Year 1 will be Identify and naming a variety of everyday materials and sorting them based on their properties. Year 2 will be identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials. Throughout the year both year groups will be observing changes across the four seasons.



In **P.S.H.E** we will identify new things that are happening to us and how they make us feel.



In P.E we will be developing our catching, balancing and coordination skills through team games and gymnastics.

In **Art & DT** children will be using a range of materials, to develop techniques of colour, pattern and texture to create different effects.

In **RE** the children will explore Places in Christianity. They will focus on identifying the key features of places of worship within Christianity and identify similarities and differences between these places.

In **Music** we will listen to a variety of music and use vocabulary to describe the pace, pitch and how it makes us feel.

Teaching Staff in KS1

Miss Heygate 1RH (KS1 Leader) Miss Wilson 1AW
Miss Turner 2ST Mrs Girling 2ZG

The teaching assistants that will be working with us in Key Stage 1 this year are:

Mrs Doyle Mrs Fowler
Mrs Wilson Mrs Graham
Mrs Randell Mrs Shimpe

Important Dates:

Class assemblies

2ST 25/01/18 1RH 8/02/18
2ZG 24/05/18 1AW 21/06/18

Maths With Parents launch event for KS1

Tuesday 26th September 9am or 6pm

Bring an adult to lunch

On Thursday 5th October you are welcome to come and share lunch with your child and visit the library too.

Creative morning

Friday 13th October – create a character from a Julia Donaldson book.

Other Notices:

KS1 staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all children, parents and carers to this year. We want to continue to encourage the children to be independent and therefore ask that you support this by letting the children come into the classrooms by themselves where an adult will be there to greet them.

Please remember that your child is welcome to have juice or squash at break times and lunch times but during lesson times they may only drink water. All Year 1 and 2 children are provided with a piece of fruit for snack at morning break. We are encouraging all children to eat this rather than bring in their own snack.

Please ensure that all uniform, PE kit, coats, packed lunch boxes and water bottles are named to ensure that we can reunite children with their property!

Homework in KS1

Remember, 10 minutes reading at least 4 times a week. When you hear your child read please make a note of this in their reading record book.

Pupils in Year 1 and 2 will be set weekly spellings on a Friday. Please encourage your child to practise these to support their writing.

Year 2 will start to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will be sent home with a times table challenge sheet and will be awarded stickers and house points for quick fire recall of their 2's, 5's and 10's in and out of order. They will be able to choose the times table they would like to start to learn. Later in the year, they will look at division recall. Do come along to the launch of *Maths With Parents* home learning support programme for KS1 on Tuesday 26th September, 9am or 6pm, to find out more.