



Learning, Achieving, Caring and Sharing

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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2021



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Key events:

7th October – National Poetry Day
wb 18th October - Black History Week
- Parents Consultation meetings

PE

We will learn ball skills and movement incorporating jumping, balancing and travelling. Please send a complete PE kit into school which needs to include: t-shirt, shorts or track bottoms and plimsolls/trainers.

Please remember to label each item with their name, including their school uniform.

PE Times:

1GF - Tuesday/Wednesday

1LG – Wednesday/Thursday

1ED – Monday/Wednesday

Geography

The children will begin to develop their knowledge of place and location by thinking about where they live in the UK. They will use maps to name the countries that make up the UK and be able to locate them, using compass points. They will also learn the names of the capital cities of the four countries.

Introduction

To kick-start the Autumn Term, we have some exciting units that the children will be covering. Please read our newsletter to discover the learning opportunities planned for this half term!

The Year 1 teachers are:

1GF - Ms Fiander (Year Group Leader)

1LG - Ms Gordon

1ED - Ms Dodge

Support Staff:

Ms Collins Julie Payne

Ania Obidzinska Carmela Ippolito

Zarah Hussain Laura Rouchy

Home Learning

In the event that your child must isolate, work will be provided through Google Classroom. You will shortly receive your individual and secure log in code.

The children will also be given access to Bug Club which provides online reading opportunities and games.

We encourage the children to log on regularly. This builds confidence and improves access when required at short notice.

Science

In this unit pupils will think about what 'makes them me' – their families, what they are most proud of and why they are special. They will consider how they have changed since they were babies. They will be introduced to the concept of 'the past' by thinking about how their lives are different to that of their grandparents.

They will think about what they need to do to be healthy and consider what a balanced diet is.

They will be able to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Art

We will be introduced to the formal elements of art; exploring lines, waves, mixing and making colours and painting.

Reading and Phonics

Reading continues to have an essential focus in Year 1 which allows children to access all areas of the curriculum.

We are using the Read Write Inc. programme which is a combination of learning set sounds and comprehension. If you would like more information or guidance please go to the school website.



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In writing we will be practising our essential skills. This includes using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, accurately forming our letters and using descriptive and creative language. These skills will be applied across the curriculum.

PSHE

We will be exploring ways to stay safe with a focus on road safety and developing and maintaining support networks. In class we will be holding circle times which are designed to increase confidence and class unity.

How to support your children at home

We expect all Year 1 children to read with an adult every night for around 10 minutes. Children have a book bag, with a reading record, which needs to be completed daily by an adult. Children are welcome to read books in their home languages, and we love to hear about books that have been read to them. They are also welcome to bring in their favourite books from home to share with the class.

Children will also have a selection of activities linked to our curriculum to complete each half term. You may choose any two projects and the children can bring in their efforts to share with the class.

Maths

We will be consolidating our counting skills, learning to count forwards and backwards from 100. We will be sorting, ordering and comparing numbers, learning addition and subtraction methods and number bonds to 20.

Marvellous Me and class rewards

The children's achievements are celebrated in Year 1 through red stickers, positive praise and Marvellous Me badges. You can access the Marvellous Me app to view your child's success throughout the day.

We also collect marbles for acts of kindness that go into the class jar and build towards termly rewards.

Final Word / Important Points

Every child is offered fruit every morning. This is eaten during morning play to sustain them until lunchtime.

Children should bring a labelled reusable water bottle to school.

School Website

The school website has lots of useful information about the school day and is updated regularly. Log on at www.thewinnsprimaryschool.co.uk

Computing

This half term, the children will be learning basic skills in computing, including logging on, online safety, using the mouse and typing.

We will then apply these skills to follow instructions carefully and in the right order to design and build rockets, while debugging instructions.

History

The children will learn to draw a simple timeline of the events around space travel, using the words past and present. They will explain how they and the school has changed over time.

RE

We will be exploring Christianity, learning what Christians believe about Jesus, parables, the Lord's prayer and how Christians around the world live and celebrate their faith.

Music

We will learn to sing in unison, be able to recognise pulse, improvise and create rhythms and melodies using words and notes and name untuned instruments.