



KS1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2

Monday 4th November 2024

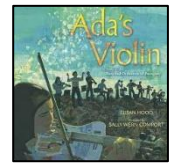
Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term is always a very busy and exciting time of year. We will be continuing our learning on the topic '[Great People who Changed the World](#)'. Please read this letter to find out more about what we will be teaching in each subject area during this half-term. Our website also has more detailed information of how each of these subjects are taught progressively (click on the '[curriculum](#)' tab).

English

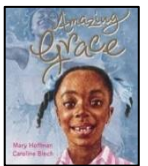
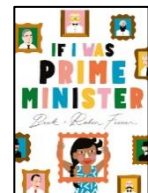
Year 1: We will continue to learn elements of English through our Read, Write Inc. scheme. The children will be using their phonic knowledge to make careful spelling choices. They will be beginning to develop their reading comprehension by answering questions about the text.

Year 2: We will be using the text 'Ada's Violin' in our separate English lessons. This is an inspirational text based on a true story. It exposes children to a different way of life as it is about a child who lives in the slums of Paraguay. We will be learning how to write a description, using expanded noun phrases and exclamations.



Whole Class English:

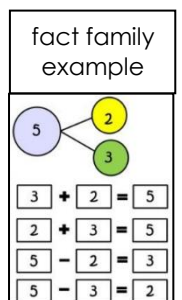
Once a week, we do a 'whole class English' slot, to ensure children get additional exposure to their curriculum objectives, further to what they are taught in Read, Write Inc. lessons. This half-term, we will be using the text 'If I was Prime Minister' as inspiration to write our own short narrative, thinking about what we would do to change the world. In our 'whole class reading' slots, we will be learning to read and understand the text 'Amazing Grace', a text based on inclusivity, treating everyone with respect and being true to yourself.



Maths

Year 1: In Maths, we will be focusing on shape and identifying, sorting and naming different 2D and 3D shapes. We will also continue with our addition and subtraction unit. We will learn what a fact family is and apply our knowledge from last half term to create our own fact families. We will also learn different strategies to subtract numbers such as using a number line and concrete resources such as counters.

Year 2: We will be focusing on developing different strategies when adding and subtracting, including using our knowledge of tens and ones (place value) as well as using number bonds and number facts. We will be learning how to 'exchange' when subtracting across ten. We will learn to name, recognise and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, ensuring that we are using the correct vocabulary to describe and classify.



History

Through our history lessons, we will be continuing to learn about a number of significant people and how they have made an impact on society. These include Charles Macintosh and William Booth. The children have really enjoyed our history lessons so far. We will continue to use sources (fact pages, non-fiction books, videos and the Internet) to research and learn facts to help us understand the significance of each person and place them on our class timeline.



Christmas Performance

We are looking forward to preparing for our annual Christmas Performance. This year, all children in KS1 will be performing together. All of our children will learn the songs and will perform them during the play. Our year 2 children will have speaking parts (if they'd like to) and our year 1 children will have either a dance or an acting part. Please keep an eye out for any 'lines' or song lyrics sent home and encourage your child to practise them.

Key dates – Autumn Term Last updated 6/11/24

Key dates for your diary		
	When?	What?
Autumn 2	Tuesday 12 th November – 5pm	Open evening for parents of children looking for a school place in Reception for September 2025.
	Wednesday 13 th November	Mr A Rahman (Nova Trust CEO) visit to school Please note, this has been rescheduled from before half term.
	Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Non-school uniform (spotty / Pudsey or own choice) for a voluntary donation to charity.
	Wednesday 20 th November	Reception Family Dining - 11.30am Year 1 Family Dining - 12.30pm <i>Please see newsletter for more details.</i>
	Friday 22 nd November – 2pm	Open day for parents of children looking for a school place in Reception for September 2025.
	Wednesday 27 th November	Year 2 Family Dining 12.30pm <i>Please see newsletter for more details.</i>
	Friday 29 th November	Bingham Christmas fair & lights switch on Our choir will be performing on stage – <i>more information to follow.</i>
	Wednesday 4 th December	Flu Vaccinations
	Thursday 5 th December	Choir visiting Fosse View Care Home Our choir will be performing – <i>more information to follow.</i>
	Friday 6 th December	Family Crafts – 2.30pm
	Monday 9 th December – 5pm	Key Stage 1 (Year 1+2) Christmas Performance <i>More information to follow.</i>
	Tuesday 10 th December – 9.30am	Key Stage 1 (Year 1+2) Christmas Performance <i>More information to follow.</i>
	Tuesday 10 th December	Reception Christmas party
	Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper + Christmas Dinner Day
	Wednesday 11 th December – 2.15pm	Carol Service <i>More information to follow.</i>
	Thursday 12 th December – 9.30am	EYFS (Reception) Performance <i>More information to follow.</i>
	Thursday 12 th December	Year 1 Christmas party
Friday 13 th December	Year 2 Christmas party	
Friday 13 th December – Last day of Autumn 2		
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Children return to school on Monday 6 th January 2025		

Other upcoming dates:

- **Friday 14th February - INSET day.** This is in line with a planned INSET at the junior school.
- **Week beginning 9th June – Year 1 phonics screening.** [Click here for information from the Department for Education for parents from June 2024.](#) This will be updated for 2025.
- **Year 2 camp – Friday 18th July** (1 night – children return to school on Saturday morning).

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with the children's learning and events we have in school. Thank you for taking the time to read with your child at home and encouraging them to complete their homework.

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team
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