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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 <u>'curriculum'</u> tab).

<u>English</u>

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 Minster' 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.

<u>Maths</u>

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

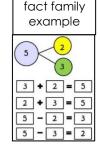
and number facts. We will be learning how to 'exchange' when subtracting across ten. We will learn to name, recognise and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, ensuring that we are using the correct vocabulary to describe and classify.

<u>History</u>

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.











In art, we will be looking at the famous artwork of 'George Seurat' who created the technique of 'pointillism'. Children will learn how to use 'stippling' (dots) to create an image of a poppy to link with us reflecting on Remembrance Day.

Design and Technology

For our design and technology project, we will be learning how a spring mechanism works. We will use this knowledge to create our own spring mechanism in our Christmas cards.

<u>R.E</u>

Our R.E focus will be on the key question: Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world? We will be focusing on different aspects of the Christmas story to deepen our knowledge. In particular, we will think about the role of the 'Angels' in the Christmas story.

<u>Science</u>

We are looking forward to carrying out a science investigation to find out which materials are waterproof. We are going to use what we already know about materials, their properties and the suitability of materials, to help us with this investigation. We will be inspired to do this from what we learn about the significant figure, Charles Macintosh (the inventor of the waterproof coat!).

Computing

In computing, we will be learning how to use the programme 'Microsoft Word'. We will be learning to save and retrieve our work, develop our typing skills using different keys and change the way our font looks. We will learn how to insert an image from Clipart/online image portal. We will also continue to learn about Internet safety and the importance of keeping ourselves safe online.

<u>PE</u>

Our PE topic this half term is Drumba. The children will learn how to co-ordinate drumming movements with dancing using our specialist drum pads. With our coach, Mr Bourne, children will be dancing; learning to sequence and remember movements and perform to each other.

<u>PSHE</u>

In PSHE, we will be learning to understand and cope with different emotions and feelings. We will think about how our actions can affect others, particularly during Anti-Bullying week. We will also be learning about ways in which we can stay healthy and be hygienic.

Homework Reminder

Homework is a vital way in which children can practise key knowledge and skills that they have learnt in school. Your child will be sent home weekly spellings (either linked to the words they are learning in class or that they have previously been taught but need some additional practise, in order to remember them).

Please keep an eye out for any additional homework your child may be sent (either in their homework books or via Tapestry). It is important that your child has a go at completing their homework independently, as it will be recap work from what they've been taught in class. However, if they are struggling, please feel free to write a comment to let us know, so we can provide additional support as necessary. Please can you support your child to read **at least three times a week** and engage with any homework they receive. All we ask is that you initial the record sheet at the front of the homework book. If your child struggles with any home learning task, please just make a note of this in the book so that we can support your child as necessary.









<u>Art</u>

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 for your diary | | |
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| | 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 Please see newsletter for more details. |
| | 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 Please see newsletter for more details. |
| | Friday 29 th November | Bingham Christmas fair & lights switch on Our choir will be performing on stage – more information to follow. |
| | Wednesday 4 th December | Flu Vaccinations |
| | Thursday 5 th December | Choir visiting Fosse View Care Home Our choir will be performing – more information to follow. |
| | Friday 6 th December | Family Crafts – 2.30pm |
| | Monday 9 th December – 5pm | Key Stage 1 (Year 1+2) Christmas Performance More information to follow. |
| | Tuesday 10 th December – 9.30am | Key Stage 1 (Year 1+2) Christmas Performance More information to follow. |
| | Tuesday 10 th December | Reception Christmas party |
| | Wednesday 11 th December | Christmas Jumper + Christmas Dinner Day |
| | Wednesday 11 th December – 2.15pm | Carol Service More information to follow. |
| | Thursday 12 th December – 9.30am | EYFS (Reception) Performance More information to follow. |
| | Thursday 12 th December | Year 1 Christmas party |
| | Friday 13 th December | Year 2 Christmas party |
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| Friday 13 th December – Last day of Autumn 2 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | | |
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Key dates - Autumn Term Last updated 6/11/24

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. <u>Click here for information from the Department</u> 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 Mrs Attwood, Mrs Pilborough, Mrs Farnsworth and Miss Holt