



## **KS1 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2024**

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful time off during the summer holidays. Please find below a summary of the main learning areas during this term for Years 1 and 2 and some general reminders. Within this term comes lots of exciting things such as within our History unit 'Castles' we will be visited by History Off the Page and we will be practising and performing our Christmas play.

We are moving into the Autumn season and with it comes the colder weather, please ensure your child has their coat, hat, gloves and wellies to cover all forms of weather!

### **Homework**

As you all know, reading for at least **10 minutes, 5 nights a week** (this can just be a few pages and doesn't have to be a whole book) is a must for each child. Please ensure you complete their reading record each time they read, sign it, and include a comment if possible. It has been proved in studies how these home reading sessions will really help your child to progress in reading and writing.

Year 1 and 2 children will be changing their reading books on a daily basis. Please can you make sure your child has their reading record in school every day. If you have any issues or difficulties reading with your child each day, please come and speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible so that we can help support you. Spelling Shed will be set for children in Year 1 linked to the phonics they are learning. Spelling shed will be set fortnightly for children in Year 2, linked to spelling.

### **P.E.**

Year 1 and 2 P.E. sessions are on a Monday this term. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear in school for P.E. lessons – a white t-shirt, navy shorts, plimsolls/trainers, a warm top, jogging trousers. Could you please also ensure that earrings are removed on days your child has P.E. due to health and safety reasons. Children are NOT able to take part in P.E. sessions if wearing earrings.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to your child's teacher.

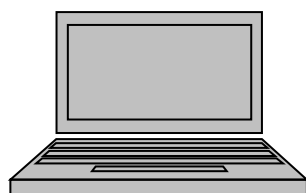
Thank you for your continued support.  
The KS1 team.

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## History

In History, we will be learning about the different types of castles, who would have lived there and the jobs some people might have had. We will be looking at how castles were invaded and what weaponry was used.



## Computing

This term in Computing we will be exploring how a computer works and learning how to use the mouse and keyboard correctly. We will be applying those skills in Sketchpad to create backgrounds and digital imagery.



## Geography

In Geography, we will be studying different settlements, ranging from small villages to large cities. The children will learn the differences between each settlement as well as developing their map skills.



## Art

This term the children will be experimenting with a range of media. They will use different types of line to create under the sea themed art as well as explore different ways of mark making. Their final product will be a drawing from observation.



## Religion and Worldwide Views

Year 1: In RW, the children will be exploring how the world began in a range of different religions. They will be looking at creation stories and thinking about what they suggest about God.

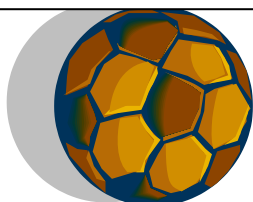
Year 2: In Religion and Worldviews, we will be exploring the reasons that people may feel thankful and how this is expressed. In addition, we will learn to explain how some people celebrate harvest time and identify the meaning behind some harvest celebrations and practices.



## Music

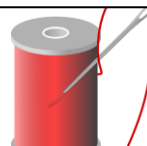
In Music, Year 1 will be learning all about keeping the pulse within the theme 'all about me'. They will learn how to clap a beat and stay in time with the music.

Year 2 children will be using instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms, learning a traditional Ghanaian call and response song and recognising simple notation. They will be progressing to creating call and response rhythms in groups.



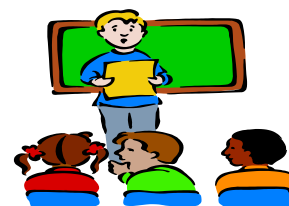
## P.E.

In P.E. this term, the children will be working on their ball control, footwork and team work skills within netball and tag rugby.



## DT

The children in Year 1 and 2 will be developing their Design and Technology skills and knowledge by exploring a slider mechanism and the movement they output. In addition, they will design, make and evaluate a moving storybook from a range of templates.



## PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be looking at the unit 'Being me in my world'. The children will be looking at rights and responsibilities, consequences and achievements.