

## Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1 2025



Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to another great half term! As part of our Connected Curriculum learning, we will be using stories to learn about Australia, Jamaica, India and China. **If anyone has any artefacts/souvenirs from their travels and holidays that they are willing to share, please send them in a named bag/box with any relevant information.**

This half term includes the following academy events and deeper days:

- 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January: Parent Consultations
- 16<sup>th</sup> January: Tea and Talk: Reception: How we teach Maths and how to help your child at home
- 21<sup>st</sup> January: Tea and Talk: Year 6 SATs
- 5<sup>th</sup> February: Children's Mental Health Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> February: Tea and Talk: Safer Internet Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day

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| Core learning        | <p>In writing we will be writing to entertain and making links with our geography learning when we explore stories from different countries.</p> <p>This half term we have a writing for enjoyment session based on cultural stories.</p>  |
|                      | <p>In phonics, we will continue to learn new special friends and practice reading by segmenting and blending.</p> <p>Every Wednesday, we will either visit the library or have a reading for pleasure session. In this session, children can share their favourite books, their library books, their sharing books or their phonics books.</p> <p><b>Please ensure your child's library book is in school every Wednesday, alongside another book they can share with their friends.</b></p> |
|                      | <p>In maths we will be covering the following areas:<br/>2D and 3D Shapes, repeating patterns, numbers to 20</p>   |
| Skills               | <p>In skills lessons we will be engaging in lessons linked to the following areas:</p> <p>In Music, Listening, appraising, singing and playing instruments to songs linked to the theme of 'Imagination'</p> <p>In computing, exploring information technology at how it uses data.</p>  |
| Connected curriculum | <p>Our focus unit this half term is called What can we learn about the World from Stories? This is a geography-based unit with connections across the curriculum.</p> <p>This covers the following areas: using maps and plans to identify countries across the world, knowing the 7 continents, types and</p>   |

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|                             | properties of materials, the use of puppets to tell stories. We will also be exploring puppet designs in our DT learning.   |
| Faith, Health and Wellbeing | <p>Develop your Learning and Life Skills at home by practicing the 'I can' statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can make basic judgements about success in my learning including using rating scales.</li> <li>• I can keep my own things safe during the day.</li> <li>• I can identify appropriate resources to help me do a task.</li> </ul> <p>During Faith and well-being lessons we will be learning about: Keeping safe at home, differences between people and mutual respect within the wider world.<br/>Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?</p> |

### Homework

Your child will bring home homework that includes the overview, knowledge organiser and spellings. A copy of the overview will be sent to your MCAS account. You can continue to use the purple homework book to practice spellings or record any curriculum homework, but there it will no longer need to be returned to school.



## Phonics

As a reading first school, we promote daily reading. Your child will bring home a sharing book, a phonics books and a book from our library.



We also support children in their number recall and addition and subtraction facts. Your child will have a log in for Numbots and we encourage daily practice for at least 6 minutes a day.

### PE day and PE Kit

Our PE day is on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE uniform and with earrings removed or covered. Variations to PE uniform will be challenged including footwear and leggings.

### Labelled belongings

Please remember to label items including lunch boxes and bags (locker size – small). Children are to bring refillable drink bottles each day, metal bottles are discouraged.

*\*Please note our children have produced a healthy snack policy. Please refer to it to guide 'snacks' for breaktime.*

We are excited to see what the next half term will bring!

Year 1 Team.

Mrs Richards, Mrs Wilson, Miss Plummer, Mrs Dupuy & Mrs Nightingale