



Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to year one.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead including special events and trips. Over the year, we will be visiting the local library, a local church, Leigh Beach and the local allotments.

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

Shaping the Future – Tuesday 10th September

Antibullying workshop – Thursday 3rd October

Hello Yellow (World Mental Health Day) – Thursday 10th October

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 29th October

We would like to invite the parents into school on **Friday 27th September at 2pm** to play a range of games with their children. If you have any old toys that you perhaps played with as a youngster that you wouldn't mind sharing with the children, that would be great. We will provide some board games, but please feel free to bring along your favourite game to play with the children.

Core learning	<p>In writing we will be writing stories and instructions.</p> <p>We will be writing for different audiences and purposes focussing on letter formation and sentence construction.</p> <p>This half term we have a writing for enjoyment session which will focus on characters.</p> <p>In phonics we will be reading a range of decodable texts and continuing to learn special friends.</p> <p>We have visit times to our library on Monday morning.</p> <p>In maths we will be covering the following areas: numbers to 10, addition and subtraction within 10 and shape and patterns.</p> <p>Each week we will engage in Numbots as part of our continuous provision.</p>
Skills	<p>In skills lessons we will be engaging in lessons linked to the following areas:</p> <p>Music - Hey you!</p> <p>Computing - Computational thinking</p>
Connected curriculum	<p>Our focus unit this half term is called 'Why do we play?' This is a science and history based unit with connections across the curriculum.</p> <p>This covers the following areas:</p> <p>Drawing & labelling the basic parts of the human body, naming the 5 senses, saying which part of the body is associated with each sense</p> <p>Using artefacts and pictures to learn about toys from the past, noticing changes in toys that have happened within their lifetime and understand how toys have changed from before their lifetime.</p>
Faith, Health and Wellbeing	<p>During Faith and well-being lessons we will be learning about:</p> <p>Why do we need rules?</p> <p>How are we feeling? Basic emotions</p> <p>How do we keep our bodies healthy? Hygiene, exercise</p> <p>Who is a Christian and what do you believe? What can we learn from sacred stories?</p>

Homework

Your child will bring home a homework book that includes the overview and knowledge organiser. We will begin spellings after the half term. A copy of the overview will be sent to your MCAS account.



Phonics

As a reading first school, we promote daily reading. Every week, your child will bring home a phonics book and a sharing book. They will also bring home a library book every two weeks.



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 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.

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.

**Our children have produced a healthy snack policy. This will be sent home to guide 'snacks' for breaktime.*

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you.

Year One Team

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