

Year 1 Curriculum newsletter – Spring 1 2024



Belonging

Respect

Responsibility

In **Reading**, books by the author Oliver Jeffers will be our inspiration during this half term. Our focus will be looking at different descriptions within the books and adding drama to our storytelling.

Our topic this half-term is
“Going on an adventure”



In **Writing**, we will be continuing to embed how to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our sentences. We will learn how to add contractions, suffixes and apostrophes alongside using adjectives in our writing narratives. In **handwriting**, we will be continuing to embed our cursive writing in all our writing in every subject.

In **Science**, we will continue to explore animals – looking at what they eat, their different diets and the difference between predator and prey.

In **Computing**, we will continue to purple mash and the children will learn to save and retrieve the art from “2 paint”. We will also have a reminder about internet safety.

In **Mathematics**, This half term is about composition of number, revisiting and consolidating number bonds and developing understanding of the links between addition and subtraction. We will be focussing on developing understanding of numbers 11-19. The unit also looks at reading the time and comparing mass.

We will be extending knowledge of halving to find quarters of shapes. We will also look at multiplication, developing counting in multiples of 2s and 10s to solve simple problems.

In **Art**, we will be working with different materials to create collage icy scenes and a penguin. We will be using different techniques to trim our materials.

In **SCARF**, we will explore the theme “keeping safe”. This will discuss topics such as the importance of healthy bedtime routines, recognising emotions and feelings and who keeps us safe. We will also re visit the PANTS rule and discuss trusted adults.

In **Geography**: We will be looking at local and world maps and talking about continents and oceans. We will also talk about birds eye view and create their own map.

In **PE: (indoor Monday)
(indoor Wednesday)**

PE will be dance where the children will learn and add to a simple routine to music.

We will also continue to develop movement skills, co-ordination and balance using small and large equipment.

We encourage you to come and speak to any member of the team to share your concerns and joys. Please ensure an appointment is made via the school office to speak with your teacher.



How you can help your child at home:

Reading: Please continue supporting them by providing them opportunities for them to be reading regularly their colour book band book from school. Sharing a story or a rhyme/poem is also a valuable activity, which helps to develop their language and vocabulary. Please continue to sign your child's reading diary each time you read together. We will be swapping reading books every Friday so please ensure these are returned every week.

Phonics: Stickers in reading diaries will inform you what phonics the children have been learning that week alongside any "harder to read and spell words" (HRS words).

Maths: This half term we will be sending purple mash activities relating to our maths alongside suggested games or activities via tapestry. Please check regularly. This is to embed their learning from school.

Computing: Every week this half term we will send home different activities through "purple mash". This will allow children to practise their computing skills (being able to log in independently, complete and save activities). It allows them to have screen time in a fun and constructive way.

Dates for your diary

January
25th – Bag2School Collection

February
2nd – Number day!
6th – Outdoor Learning Day
9th – INSET Day
12th-16th Half term.

Belongings



Please ensure your child's name is on **all** of their clothing, lunch boxes and PE kits. We already have items of unnamed clothing that have gone missing and have wasted valuable learning time looking for clothes.

Don't forget to:

Send in a water bottle on Monday
Bring your book and signed reading diary every Friday – books will be swapped every Friday.
Name all of your child's belongings. We had a pile of uniform that wasn't named or claimed at the end of term.

Check the "Weekly overview" newsletter that is sent by email every Friday.

Outdoor learning



Outdoor learning day will be **Tuesday 6th February**.
Children can wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.