

# Year 1 Curriculum newsletter - Autumn 2 2023



## Belonging

## Respect

## Responsibility

In **Reading**, fairy tales will be our inspiration during this half term. Our focus is to be able to sequence the events in a story, talk about what we think what might happen, and we liked or did not like about our stories.

Our topic this half-term is



**“Once upon a time”**

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 extend our sentences using the conjunction ‘and’ and begin to make our writing more interesting by using adjectives. In **handwriting**, we will be learning how to join our cursive letters.

In **Science**, we will be learning about classification and how to classify animals by their features. The classifications are mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles.

In **Computing**, we will remind ourselves of being safe online and how to log on to Purple Mash. We will also learn how to programme a Beebot.

In **Mathematics**, we will start off with multiplication and division with regards to the 2x table. We will be counting in 2s to 20. This will feed into sharing equally and finding half of objects, shapes and quantities. We will also be exploring odd and even numbers. Next, we will look at common 2D shapes and be able to recognise and name them. Once confident in our 2s, we will explore counting in 5s and 10s. We will find one more and one less of a given number. Finally, we will partition 6,7,8 and 9 and solve addition and subtraction problems.

In **SCARF**, we will explore the theme “valuing difference”. This will discuss topics such as differences, being unkind compared to bullying and special people.

In **RE**, we look at the concept of waiting with respect to advent and Christmas in the Christian calendar.

In **PE**: In rhythmic gymnastics, we will be applying balances and movements by creating routines.

In **History**, we will find out about Bonfire Night and think about how Granny would have celebrated it and how the celebration has changed throughout time.

In **Art**, we will be working with clay and thinking about the 3D form of the face to create the giant’s face from the Jack and the Beanstalk.

In **Geography**: We will be exploring the weather and creating our own weather forecasts!

In Cricket, will be practising our ball skills, learning how to control a ball with feet, hands and 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:** Go on a number hunt whilst you're out and about looking for double digit numbers (house numbers, price labels, road signs, car registration numbers). Ask your child to identify the number, can they tell you what one more and one less is? Choose a starting number e.g. start at 25 then recite the next ten numbers in the sequence, then choose another number and do the same.

**Grammar and punctuation:** Within our literacy sessions at school we will also be having grammar and punctuation sessions. The link below will explain what you can expect your children to be doing throughout the year. If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-grammar/grammar-year-1-age-5-6/>

**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.

### Don't forget to:

Send in a water bottle on Monday  
Bring your book and reading diary every Friday – books will be swapped every Friday.  
Name all of your child's belongings

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

### Dates for your diary

#### November

20<sup>th</sup> November – School photos  
24<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Dress Down Day  
24<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Neon Disco  
30<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisations

#### December

1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Decoration Making  
6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Panto  
8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre  
11<sup>th</sup> Santa's Grotto  
11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas performances  
14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner  
15<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

**Further information will be available closer to the time.**



### 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.



### Outdoor learning

Children can wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.

Please bring a coat in case of poor weather.