

YEAR 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

YEAR 1 TEAM:

MRS GILFILLAN, MISS MWONDELA, MRS JACK AND MISS TURNER

WELCOME!

We are so excited to welcome you to year 1 which is filled with fun, learning and discovery! The year will be full of exciting adventures as we explore new ideas and topics together including looking at 'Are all changes for the better?' We can't wait to work together as a team, helping each other every step of the way. We look forward to seeing all the incredible things you will achieve.

As always, please feel free to communicate with any of the Year 1 team at the beginning or end of the day or by ringing the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

3rd Sept- First day of Autumn 1 term.

15th Sept- Trip to Sudbury Hall.

22nd Sept- Big Breakfast.

29th Sept- Year 1 grandparents/ carers invited into school for stay and play- info to follow.

5th Oct- Individual school photos.

13th and 15th Oct- Parents and carers evening.

16th Oct - Break up for October Half Term .

2nd Nov- First Day of Autumn 2 term.

10th Nov- Phonics open morning 09:00-09:30 for parents/ carers.

15th (PM) & 16th Dec(AM)- Nativity performances.

17th Dec (PM) - Christingle service at the Methodist Church.

18th Dec- Break up for Christmas.

4th Jan - First Day of Spring 1 term.

YEAR 1'S LEARNING THIS TERM

During the Autumn term, Year 1 will be exploring the enquiry question: "Are all changes for the better?" The children will be thinking about this question in lots of different ways, including: design and technology, history and science. One of our main texts this half term will be 'Old Bear' by author Jane Hissey and 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas. In Autumn 2 term, we will look at 'Journey' and 'Quest', both by Aaron Becker. These texts will support the children's learning and knowledge in History, as well as being used to inspire their writing.

We will also be posting updates of our learning through the fortnightly newsletter.



Please don't forget to log any reading your child does at home on Boom Read! Children are read with regularly in school and books will be changed each week.

Log in information will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.

HOMWORK

Look out for your child's termly homework menu! On here you will find ideas on how to support your child with their learning at home. Be sure to send in photos or ideas of anything you get up to at home to the office email- office@candlebylane.co.uk

WRITING

This term, we will be developing our handwriting and writing skills through a range of exciting stories and activities. We will explore 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey, write a third-person narrative based on 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas, and create a non-chronological report linked to our enquiry learning.

We will also explore 'Journey', 'Quest' and 'Return' by Aaron Becker, using them to write first-person narratives and setting descriptions. Finally, we will use our DT learning to help us write clear, step-by-step instructions for making our very own toy cars!

MATHS

In maths we will be exploring numbers to 10 including how to use part-whole models to find a missing part. We will then look at addition and subtraction within 10, using a range of hands-on resources to help us. We will also look at both 2D and 3D shapes.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Our D.T. learning links to our Enquiry topic of toys from the past and present. We will have a go at planning, designing and evaluating our own toy cars.

GEOGRAPHY

In our Geography learning, we will look at seasonal changes and explore weather changes.

Let's find out what Autumn and Winter look like!

HEALTHY BODIES & HEALTHY MINDS

We will be learning about families and friendships, what you can do if you feel worried or unsafe, including meeting our Safeguarding Team. We will also be exploring different emotions, including naming them, how they make our bodies feel and what we can do to help us to feel better.

SCIENCE

In science, we're focusing on materials and their properties.

We'll be investigating lots of different materials and observing if we can change them and why. We will also continue to look at the 4 seasons thinking about the changes we notice.

COMPUTING

During our computing lessons we are learning how to use technology safely and how to login using passwords. We will also be creating and saving digital content.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In religious education this term, we'll explore some stories about Jesus and what we can learn from them. We will consider how they can show us how to care for others.

P.E.

Our PE session is on a Wednesday each week. The children will develop skills in throwing and catching, gymnastics and dance.

MUSIC

In music lessons, we will be exploring different sounds and using our voices in creative ways. We will be learning how to identify differences in the timbre, tempo and dynamics when listening to a piece of music

REMINDERS

CLOTHING - Please can all items of clothing be labelled with children's names.

WATER BOTTLES - Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school.

PACKED LUNCHES - We are a nut free school, please ensure there are no nut products in your child's lunch box.

PE DAYS - On Wednesday, children need to arrive to school in their PE kit.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead!
Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 1 Team