

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

### **Summer Term 2018**

Welcome back to school after what I hope was an egg-celent Easter break!



#### Topic

In Year 1, our exciting topics for the Summer Term are called 'The Victorians' and 'Travel and Transport'. In the first half of the term, children will develop their knowledge of British history and its impact on the local area, before focusing on a significant individual of the time who helped transform children's literature. Following May half term, the children will become virtual jetsetters and cross the globe to compare our home to a non-European country – Kenya! In Science, we will develop our understanding of plants; namely focusing on the different parts of a plant and how to help them grow.



#### English

In the first half term, children will be focussing on the story of "Peter Rabbit" and will develop their understanding of the structure of fictional stories. They will continue to sequence stories before using adjectives to describe characters and events, and joining words to create adventurous sentences.

After, using 'Travel and Transport' as inspiration, the children will focus on the book

"The Naughty Bus". They will develop skills in order to write to engage a reader and advance their knowledge of the complexities to write their own version of the tale!

#### Maths

This term, Year 1 will start by continuing to secure their understanding of digits, what they represent and their place value. The class are improving their knowledge of this area by participating in practical activities, before beginning to apply their skills to worded questions. This will then lead in to the calculation of addition and subtraction by analysing statistics! The children will then identify different 2D/3D shapes and their properties as well as reading the time to the half hour.



#### PSHE and RE

In PSHE this term, children will develop their understanding of what it means to be healthy – physically and mentally. They will continue to become 'HeartSmart' by focusing on their own emotions, healthy relationships and keeping safe.

The topics in RE this term are "Baptism" and "What is a Saint?", allowing children to discuss the key features of the Christian religion in detail, as well as comparing other religions and their celebration of new place. The children will look to the Bible to research what a Saint is, and who this includes. They will learn to sequence and retell the stories featuring the Saints.



## PE

In PE, Year 1 children will get the opportunity to develop their throwing, catching, running and jumping skills through a weekly Multi-Skills workshop! They will also practice different field and track events in anticipation of the KS1 Sports Day!



## Year 1 Notices

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP:** Children will not be released from the KS1 ramp at 3.25pm unless a parent/guardian is on the infant playground. Due to health and safety and safeguarding, KS1 children are not to meet guardians on the public footpath.

**DAVE THE MINION** will be continuing to spend the weekend with children in the class,

in order for him to experience life outside of the classroom! He can't wait to meet the friends and families of his classmates and help mature their diary writing!

## How to help at home:

Maths:

- Practice 2, 5 and 10 times tables daily (ie 2 x 4, 3 x 5, 10 x 10).
- Practice number bonds to 10 and 20.

You can practice these orally or access games on: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

English:

- Read 5 times a week for 10 minutes, then talk about what has been read.
- Practice rehearsing the alphabet and identifying and writing capital letters.

## General Notices and Dates

Uniform – CCCR School Book Bags are school uniform in KS1. Due to limited space, rucksacks and personal bags are not permitted. It would also be greatly appreciated if each item of clothing (both uniform, PE kits and coats) are labelled, in order to avoid confusion over ownership.

Reading books - will be changed generally on Mondays and Fridays, however books need to be in school every day and kept inside the plastic wallet issued at the beginning of term – thank you. *Children are asked daily to provide reply slips, read books and homework – however it is their responsibility to hand them in.* **Please ensure that reading records are SIGNED and DATED, otherwise children's books cannot be changed.**

Dates –

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May @ 9.30-11.30

**KS1 Sports Day**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May @ 9.00

**Year 1 Trip (letter to follow soon)**

As always, if you have any questions, or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us!

*Miss Halton & Mrs Byron*