

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Teacher's Note

Welcome to a new school year! I am so excited to be teaching Year 1 this year. I am looking forward to an exciting year of growing and learning together.

Topic

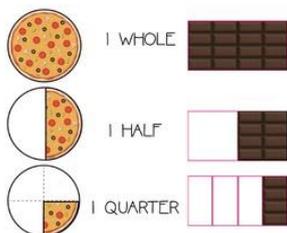
In Year 1, our exciting topics for the Autumn Term are 'The Gunpowder Plot' and 'Barnaby Investigates the UK'. In the first half term, the children will learn about Guy Fawkes and the events behind Bonfire Night. Following the October half term the children will be learning about features in the local area.

In Science we are developing our understanding of 'Animals, including humans'; focusing on life cycles and food chains.



Maths

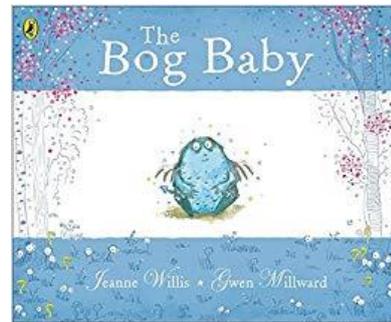
This term, Year 1 will start by developing their understanding of digits, what they represent and their place value. We will be doing lots of practical activities to support learning whilst improving motor skills. This will lead to independent calculation of addition and subtraction and an introduction to statistics and fractions. Throughout the term, the children will be continuing to draw digits accurately and spell numbers to twenty phonetically.



English

In the first half term we will be reading the 'Bog Baby' focusing on using adjectives, before developing their understanding of the structure of stories. The children will be taking part many opportunities for drama and talk-for-writing to enhance writing.

After the October half term we will be looking at the book 'Lost and Found' where we will be focusing on character's thoughts and actions. The children will be researching penguins to create a fact file for a non-fiction piece of writing. In the build up to Christmas they will look at traditional Christmas poems and will begin to use rhythm and rhyme in their writing!



PHSE and RE

In PSHE this term, children will use their understanding of emotions to discuss different themes within school. They will also be introduced to Heart Smart where they be focusing on 'Don't forget to let love in'.

The topics in RE this term are 'Harvest', 'God and Creation', 'Jewish Festival of Sukkot' and 'Christmas'. This term will allow children to discuss the key features of the Christian religion. The children will discuss items and people that are special to them in order to understand the relationship between Christians, the Bible and Christmas.

PE

In PE the children will develop their throwing, catching, running and jumping skills as we are focusing on fundamental skills. After the October half term, the children will also be showcasing their dance skills!

Through playing lots of games the children will get the opportunity to develop their communication skills by working within a team, as well as demonstrating their talents for their classmates.



General Notices

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

Reading books - will be changed generally on Tuesdays and Fridays, however books need to be in school every day and kept inside the plastic wallet issued at the beginning of term. Please ensure that reading records are signed and dated, otherwise children's books cannot be changed.

Children are asked daily to provide completed books and homework – however it is their responsibility to hand them in.

End of the day – Key Stage 1 exit school at 15.25 from the door on the KS1 playground. Please be aware that children will not be permitted to leave the member of staff until a guardian has collected them from the ramp.