

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2019

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



Topic

In Year 1, our exciting topics for the Summer Term are called 'Our local area' and 'Travel and Transport'. In the first half of the term, children will develop their knowledge of British history by learning about the Victorian period and its impact on Charnock Richard. 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 be learning all about plants through Forest schools. 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 learning about fractions and direction.



RE

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 as we are learning about

athletics in anticipation of the KS1 Sports Day. After the May half term we will be learning about tennis.



Year 1 Notices

PE KITS: Please ensure that your child has an outdoor and indoor PE kit for the Summer Term. This must be in school every day.

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.
- Practise being able to mentally recall doubles and halves to 10.
- Read the time to the hour and half past.

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

English:

- Read 4/5 times a week for 10 minutes and then discuss what has been read.
- Practice writing and reading tricky words and reading alien words.

Science:

- Talk about the life cycle of a plant and look in your garden or at the park to see if you can spot any plants.

DT:

- We will be creating and designing miniature gardens, so children can have a look in a garden for features and discuss the materials that are used.

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 –

Friday 24th May (am)

KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 19th June 2019

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 Harter and Mrs Byron