

Year 1 Term 1 Curriculum Overview



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

8th September 2020

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 1. As we have not had the transition we normally have, Mrs Bolderson, and myself will be taking the next few weeks to really get to know your child and help them become secure and confident with the routines and expectations of year 1. We will be tailoring our curriculum to meet the needs of every child whatever their experiences have been during lockdown and in the time since.

Curriculum Overview - Topic this term 'Memory Box'

English - securing letter sound knowledge, handwriting and listening to a range of stories

Maths - Counting, writing and ordering numbers to 10 and also addition and subtraction to 10.

Science - Seasonal changes and weather.

RE - Learning about God and Harvest Festival.

Music - Weather songs and using instruments creatively.

Topic (Geography/History/Computing/Art/DT) - Based around our 'Memory Box' topic.

PE - Wednesdays with our PE Coach.

Reading

Reading books will be checked and changed regularly and an adult in the class will hear your child read. Sound books and word lists have been handed out in the purple wallets. These are the sounds and words your child will be learning to read and spell in year one. Word lists will be changed once they are confident with each set.

Please listen to your child read and support them to learn the sounds as much as possible. Every time you put a comment in your child reading record they will receive a sticker on their reward chart. Once their reward chart is full they will receive their bronze award.

Homework

In a few weeks, we will start to hand out homework. This will be set on a Tuesday to be handed in on the following Monday. Homework could include handwriting, reading, spelling or maths. Homework will be set in a yellow homework book. Our topic this term is 'Memory Box'. Attached to this letter are home learning ideas. We would like you to complete one of these this term. We would also like the children to bring in a picture of a memorable experience in their life. We would like them to be able to talk about the picture and we will then add it to our memory box display.

Reward Systems

The school's Evergreen behaviour system will continue into Year 1. Every week children who have kept their Evergreen will receive a whole school treat. Alongside this, we run a star chart. Every child starts on the green star every day. The children are rewarded for good behaviour by moving up to the silver and then gold star. If your child is on those stars at the end of the day, they will receive a star sticker in that colour. If the children are given a reminder and warning for unacceptable behaviour, they move down to the orange and red stars. A red star results in a green slip. However, children are given lots of encouragement to move back up the stars. If your child loses their evergreen, you will be informed.

General notices

PE days are <u>Wednesday</u> but this can change so please ensure your child has the correct PE kit with them which is fully labelled at all times. PE kit should include: t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls, trainers, socks and a tracksuit for when the weather becomes cooler.

Children may bring a bottle of $\underline{\text{water}}$ only into the classroom. Lunchtime drinks will be kept in lockers. Please ensure it is labelled.

Please make sure all school uniform is labelled, especially school jumpers and cardigans.

As in Reception, when it is your child's birthday, they may come in their own clothes on that day or the closest day to their birthday if it falls at a weekend or in the holidays.

Any concerns please make contact with the school office and they will arrange a time for me to call you.

Thank you, Mrs Hill and Mrs Bolderson