

# Welcome to Year 1

## **English**

All children will have daily English lessons. Some groups will work with the teacher on a focused activity whilst others work independently. We will look at both fiction and non-fiction genres of writing. Children will be learning about fairytales, drawing & labelling and retelling stories. We will also have a focus on printing our letters and numbers with confidence.

## **Phonics**

We will have daily phonics sessions, in which children focus on sound recognition in reading and spelling using Essential Letters and Sounds. One of the main focus areas for this term will be revising groups of letter sounds e.g. ng, ee and ai. In addition the children will be focussing on recognising and writing keywords which are difficult to sound out phonetically called 'common exception words' e.g. the, we, my and into.

## **Reading**

Reading takes place during English lessons, 1.1 sessions and throughout the curriculum. Your child will be given a reading book and reading record library book (that you can share with them). Please sign the comment on your child's reading. When reading we focus on developing fluency and comprehension skills. Children will be heard reading over 2 days - Thursday and Friday. Across the school everybody is reading for 15 minutes a day during a period of time called D.E.A.R (drop everything and read)

## **Maths**

This term there will be a focus on counting groups of objects, finding one more and one less, ordering numbers, writing numbers, using the number line and learning number bonds to 10. Children will also cover the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and measuring & comparing length and height.

## **Science**

Children will explore, name, discuss and raise and answer questions about everyday materials to become familiar with the names of materials and their properties. They will observe closely, using simple equipment, perform simple tests and use their observations to suggest answers to questions.

## **Creative Curriculum**

Children will be learning about Childhood this term and how life changes overtime. They will compare modern day living to the 1950's. Children will also explore their personal family trees and create a personal photographed timeline.

## **PSHE**

We will start the year by setting into our new class, establishing rules and routines, getting to know one another and learning how to work and play in a harmonious way. We will focus on feeling positive about ourselves and taking care of our environment.

## **RE**

In RE this term we will be focussing on Christianity and the Creation Story.

## **Computing**

In Computing we will be doing basic ICT skills and focus on the painting program. We will also be introducing and using Mathletics & Reading Eggs as part of our curriculum.

## **PE**

Children will swim on Wednesdays.

PE lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please remember to wear your full PE uniform to school. In addition to this, children should also wear a coat if the weather is cold. This half term, we will focus on locomotion and balance and then move on to ball skills.

## **Music**

In this unit of work the children will listen and appraise a variety of Hip Hop and reggae songs. All the learning in the first unit will focus around the song 'Hey You!'. Children will sing songs and use the tune 'Hey You!' to improvise and compose their own versions.

I look forward to an enjoyable term ahead!

Ms Coleman and Mrs Papuc.