

Year 1 Autumn Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

We're excited to welcome the children back for the new school year and can't wait to get stuck into our learning! Mrs Hughes, Miss Masters and Mrs McNeil have been preparing lots of exciting activities for our topic this term: **Memory Box**. We will be beginning to learn about that past thinking about timelines, our childhood and all about the 1950s. To express our learning from this topic, we will also be creating our own topic story book.



Memory Box

What do you know about the past? Let's think about things we know from our own pasts (our living memory) and other events that came before. In particular, let's look deeper into the 1950s and think about what jobs there were, what life was like for children and what technology was available then.



MATHS

We will be maintaining our fluency skills and quick recall of key maths facts by practising our number bonds to 10 and learning all of our addition and subtraction facts to 20 as well. We will be practising our rolling numbers daily with a focus on the 2s, 5s and 10s.

The topics we will cover this term are:

- Place value- we have been counting and forming our numbers as well as comparing and ordering numbers
- Addition – we will be using the part/whole model to look at fact families and number bonds.
- Shape – identifying, recognising and sorting 2D and 3D shapes.



READING

We will be building on our reading skills with a focus on applying our phonics knowledge to read and decode texts. We will be predicting what might happen based on what we have already read and will start to think about how characters may be feeling. We will also have discussions about books that are read to us by others, taking it in turns to listen and participate.

WRITING

As Writers we will be learning how to write simple sentences focusing on a selection of books linked to different childhood experiences. During these sessions, we will be focusing on saying our sentences out loud before we write and using our phonics to support our spelling. We will be building up to writing a series of sentences to write setting and character descriptions.

Grammar – We will be focusing on consistent use of finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. We will also begin to spell the Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words.

Spelling/Phonics – Year 1 will be continuing with the RWI phonics programme in school.

PE

This term in PE, we will be improving our co-ordination, control and movement. We will be learning these through our topics of Health and Fitness, Multi-skills and Gymnastics. We will also be participating in fun virtual sport festivals on offer in Milton Keynes.

Our PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Remember to come to school in your active uniform on these days!

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

As Artists, we will be using our observational skills to explore the different shades of colours and different patterns. We will be applying this skill when drawing and comparing items from nature that link to the different seasons – Autumn and Winter.

As Designers, we will be designing and making our own version of a spinning top toy!

Music

As musicians we will be chanting traditional childhood rhymes.

We will also be listening and appreciating music from the 1950s as well as current styles of music and exploring how different styles and genres of music make the children feel.

SCIENCE

As Scientists we are focusing on our topic of **Humans and other animals** which is an exciting and hands on project!

We will be learning about the human body, including labelling the different parts of the body and exploring our five senses.

We will also begin to look at how the seasons change over time and we will keep a daily weather chart to discuss and compare the different types of weather!

HOME LEARNING

Reading – It is an expectation that Year 1 are reading at least 3 times a week and for this to be recorded in your child's reading record.

Phonics – All children will be receiving a home learning workbook via Parentmail which will have ideas and suggestions of activities and games to play with your children to boost their spelling skills.

Maths – Children should practise number skills online on Numbots

<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro> Log in details written inside reading record. This should be played little and often each day.

Your children will also have a Maths Passport with activities to practise to complete to help improve their fluency skills.

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RE & PSHE

As Citizens of the Future we will learn about how to achieve and maintain a growth mindset. We will also be learning how to show our gratitude to others and be able to explain our own emotions clearly through our daily wellbeing check.