

Puffins, Kingfishers and Nightingales

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer holidays we hope you had a relaxing break. Please find below an outline of the subjects we will be covering this half-term in Year One. We hope that this will help you to support your children's learning at home.

History	The children will be exploring the theme of Space. They will consider the question 'Who can go to space?' They will learn about the achievements of Neil Armstrong and other astronauts in the past. They will compare these historical events with modern day equivalents such as Tim Peake.
Science	The children will learn that humans and other animals move and grow. They will identify and classify a range of living things.
Maths	The children will compare, order, read, write and count numbers to 10. We will also be counting to 100. They will learn early addition and subtraction and derive and recall pairs of numbers that total 10 moving onto 20.
English	We will be using the text 'Whatever Next' to explore the use of labels, lists and captions to consolidate the fact that writing carries meaning and to support the children in developing the concept of a sentence. We will then explore other stories about space where the children will identify where a story takes place, who is involved and what happens. Finally the children will experiment with a range of space poetry and will compose their own poems and verses. The children will have daily phonics and reading sessions.
PE	PE will focus on games and dance. Dance will relate to our topic 'Space' where the children will explore basic body actions to make simple movements. In games the children will be focussing on ball skills where they will develop their hand-eye coordination skills.
RE	'What is Baptism?' The children will draw on their understanding of belonging, and then relate it to how they are given a sense of belonging in a particular religion.
ICT	The children will be 'story tellers' by recording themselves reading a story and adding sound effects. They will use these recordings to produce a talking book.
DT	The children will experiment with a range of mechanisms and construct a moving space picture.
Music	The children will learn to make a variety of sounds with their voices, bodies, found objects and instruments, and explore how these sounds can be changed and used expressively in response to a stimulus.
PSHCE	The children will learn about rules and relationships and how their behaviour can affect others. The children will also think about their unique qualities and what makes them special.
Trips	TBC

It is really helpful when children are changing for PE, that your child's uniform, PE clothes and footwear are all clearly labelled with your child's name. We will keep your child's PE kit in school and send it home at half-term.

Please remember that every child must have a named water bottle (preferably a school one available from the office) in school each day.

We are available between 8.00 a.m. and 8.15 a.m. and after school on most days apart from Mondays, if you have any queries or issues to discuss.

We look forward to a successful Year 1.

Yours sincerely,

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