

# Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1

Dear parents and carers, Welcome to **Year 1**. Please have a look over our curriculum for the coming half term...



**Strength in Learning.  
Power in Community**



**Writing:** This term, the children will be exploring three exciting books: *Lost in the Toy Museum*, *Pattan's Pumpkin*, and *The Paper Dolls*. They will learn to retell stories using a simple story structure and develop their writing by using adjectives to describe, adverbs of time to show when things happen, and conjunctions to join sentences.



**Reading:** This half term, the children will continue their Read Write Inc. journey, practising their speed sounds and learning how to segment and blend words. They will also be exploring 'alien words' to help them read and decode unfamiliar words with confidence.



**Maths:** In the autumn term, children learnt the numbers to 10. This half term, we extend this to counting to 20. We will look at the patterns of teens numbers and how these numbers are constructed. We will also revisit addition and subtraction, looking at part-part-wholes.



**Science:** This term in Year 1, we are learning about seasonal changes. We will observe how trees change through the seasons, such as leaves growing, changing colour, or falling, and discuss why these changes happen. The children will also learn about seasonal activities, including how people dress, play, and celebrate differently at different times of the year.



**History/Geography:** This term, the children will be learning "Why Planet Earth is Special?". They will look at a significant historical figure "David Attenborough" and how his influence has impacted the world around us. We are looking at how he has influenced others and research some facts about his life.



**PSHE:** This half term in PSHE we will be learning about how to keep our bodies and our mind healthy, looking at things we can incorporate into our daily routines. We will also be learning the scientific names for our body parts and addressing body safety using the NSPCC 'PANTS' guidance.



**Music:** This half-term, Acorn and Berry will be learning about dynamics (loud and soft) and tempo (fast and slow), using different animals as inspiration for how to play percussion instruments. We will also think about what it means to perform musically and how we can tell a story and match characters with music.



**Computing:** This term, the children will be learning about Creating and Following instructions. This unit forms the basis for understanding simple algorithms and algorithmic thinking. This is facilitated through unplugged activities before moving to sequencing activities on digital devices. This is a foundational unit, introducing the basis of logical thinking in preparation for coding.



**PE:** This half term, indoor PE is 'Gymnastic', which will explore balance, stretches and movement across different apparatus. Outdoor PE is 'Ball Skills' which continues to look at attackers and defenders throughout different games and strengthens hand eye coordination,



**RE:** This half term, in RE we are looking at "Why we should care for the world". This is building on their understanding of creation stories, children explore beliefs about the relationship between humans and nature.



**Art & DT:** This term, in DT we are going to design and create split pin scenes based on our class text Duffy's Lucky Escape



**Forest school:**

If you have any questions at all please contact us or catch us at the end of the school day.

Please make sure your child comes to school with their reading books and reading records in their bags everyday because we would like to read with the children.