



Key Stage One Curriculum Newsletter Autumn term 2016

Welcome to Key Stage One!

We would like to welcome all of our new children, parents and staff. This year our team consists of three teachers; Miss Hughes, Miss Whittaker and Miss Smyth and four teaching assistants; Mrs Whiteside, Mrs Finnigan and Mrs O'Leary .

In KS1 we encourage the children to begin to show independence. The children are now settled and are able to come in by themselves so please continue helping them to line up each morning.

We shut the doors at 9:00am promptly and if your child does arrive later than this cut off time you will need to take them to the main office. this time all children need to enter through the main entrance to get their mark.



Reading at home and in school!



Thank you to all of the families who are reading at home every night, we cant stress enough how much of a positive impact this has on their progress. We understand that at times you are all very busy and the children are tired after fun filled days however five minutes each evening or morning makes a huge difference! Your child can earn dojo points every day for showing their comments from home.

We have now spent time reading with all of the children across the key stage and the children will continue to have frequent opportunities to practise reading in school as well as at home. As you know children may remain on the same book band until we feel they have received a broad and varied choice of texts.

Phonics

We are focusing on phonics heavily this year. Our phonics lesson are held daily and start promptly at 9.05 am. It is very important that your child is in school on time to make sure they don't miss out on these lessons. KS1 children will also be sitting the Phonics Screening Test in the summer term. This is a Government led programme and informs the school how well the children are performing in Phonics. The check comprises a list of 40 words and non-words which the child will read one-to-one with a teacher

What We Are Learning.....



English

Lost and found—Transition project
Naughty Bus- Familiar settings
Great Fire of London —Information texts

Mathematics

Number:
Value of number
Place value
Comparing numbers
Counting
Adding and subtracting

Come and See

New beginnings
Signs and symbols
Preparing
Family
Belonging
Waiting



Topic

Where did the wheels
take the bus?
The Great Fire of
London.



Lost and Found Project



Thank you for all of the boats we received as part of our transition project. We had lots of fun testing some of the boats to investigate which floated and sank.

Interventions in Key Stage One

1st Class at Number

Mrs O'Leary delivers this programme to small groups of Year 1 and 2 children, who take part in 3 sessions of additional practical maths activities each week for 12 weeks. This has a really positive impact on children's number skills and application in problem solving activities.

Reading Recovery and Fischer Family trust

Some children have already successfully taken part in Reading Recovery lessons and Fisher Family Trust lessons. New groups will commence this term. In Reading Recovery your child will;

- ♦ Learn how to compose short stories and how to spell words in sentences
- ♦ Build a range of skills for reading
- ♦ Learn to read for pleasure and meaning using books the child will read in school and at home, practising newly learned skills.

These one to one lessons will boost your child's reading skills and build upon their confidence and enjoyment of learning. A useful website is www.readingrecovery.co.uk

Mrs Finnigan will be delivering the Fischer Family Trust programme where children will be working in small groups to read a book and complete sentence work three times a week.

Celebration Assemblies

Well done to all the children who have received certificates during our celebration assemblies. The children are all working very hard at the moment. The assemblies are a wonderful celebration of recognising their achievements and success. This year we are having a big focus on improving attendance. We are starting a number of new initiatives in school on class level and an individual level. Good attendance is a vital part of your child's education, we ask you to avoid unnecessary absences by booking appointments after school and taking holidays during statutory school holidays.



Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in following the schools uniform policy, the children look very smart and this has been commented upon by visitors to the school. Please remember to regularly check that your child's uniform is clearly labeled with their name.

Physical Education

The children will receive two lessons of PE each week. Miss Smyth's class are able to come dressed in their PE kit as they have an early slot in the timetable however we would ask that you send your child's uniform in a bag so they can get changed after the session.

For Miss Hughes and Miss Whittaker's class we ask that they bring their PE kit in a labelled bag and keep it in school for the half term. The kits can be taken home at half term for washing.



Free School Meals

We provide a free school meal for each child in Reception and KS1. They have access to a variety of nutritious and delicious hot and cold options on a daily basis. Our canteen allows relaxed seating and encourages a more civilised dining experience for your children. Hot dinners can sit with packed lunches or sandwiches making it more of a sociable event. If you choose to keep your children on a packed lunch then please can we remind you that we are a Healthy Eating School and chocolate, sweets or sugary energy drinks are not allowed in lunch bags. We encourage a sandwich, fruit and water. We have had some really positive feedback from the children already enjoying our lovely dinners.



Thank you to all our families for your continued support with homework and reading at home. It really is having a positive impact and consolidating the skills that the children are learning in school.



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