



# Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

September 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children over the past few weeks. We have planned lots of exciting new learning opportunities and challenges for this half term.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please return any notes or forms in the zip reading folder as we will be checking this daily. If you have any queries or concerns then please feel free to email or write in the pupil planner. However, if this requires urgent action please ring the school.

Thank you to all the parents who have put healthy snacks in separate labeled boxes and have sent their child in with a labeled hat.

Here is a quick reminder of Year 1 PE Days. Please note there has been an alteration to 1D's PE days. Also please ensure that all earrings and jewelry have been removed for these days.

1A – Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

1B – Monday, Thursday, Friday

1C – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

1D – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

1E – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

### ENGLISH

This includes speaking, listening reading and writing. We will be following the Letters and Sounds phonics program where the children will learn how to blend and segment correctly. We will be reading a range of texts including stories by the author Anthony Browne. Children will learn to write for a variety of purposes through labels, captions and simple sentences.



## MATHS

Children will be learning to understand a range of mathematical vocabulary related to ordering, counting, number patterns, calculations and problem solving. This will be taught through a range of independent and teacher lead activities.

## THEME

'A Picture of Me'

This is a whole school topic in which we will celebrate the uniqueness of the individual. This will focus heavily on settling in and making new friends. In Science we will be looking at our senses and our body parts. In Geography we will be looking at where we come from and the international community we belong to. This will include making our own passports and finding out about where our families come from.

## MANDARIN

Children will be following the "Picture of Me" theme in their Mandarin Lessons. Although Mandarin is streamed in to 3 groups all children will be taught skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. In Year 1 children will be introduced to these skills through Chinese songs and stories.

Pathway 1 pupils will be learning basic greetings and terms. They will introduce themselves in Mandarin, for example "你好！我叫 xxx。我五岁，我是男/女孩子，我上一年级。"

Pathway 2 pupils will learn to introduce and describe themselves and talk about their likes and dislikes.

Pathway 3 pupils will introduce and describe themselves. They will learn how to use pronouns correctly by talking about and describing others including their family members.

## MUSIC

This half term we will be exploring the theme 'A Picture of Me' through action songs relating to the body. Students will develop their use of pitch, melody, and expression whilst matching words and actions with parts of the body. *Miss Rowan*

## DRAMA

Year 1 are developing their concentration, imagination and language skills through a series of role play workshops using the popular children's story "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" by Judith Kerr. *Miss. Bovingdon*



## ART

For the “Picture of Me” theme pupils will be exploring the use of line in order to produce a Vincent van Gogh self-portrait. *Mrs Pate*

## PE

Pupils will be introduced to a unit of speed, agility and quickness that covers the fundamental sporting movements such as running, jumping and dodging, through playful activities. *PE Team*

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions. We look forward to an enjoyable and hard working half term.

Yours sincerely,

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