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Year 1

Newsletter

What we will be doing to settle into Year 1:

The children will be doing lots of fun activities to get them excited about Year 1.

We would like to encourage them to come in independently from the start (through the main door by the offices) and would ask you to support us with this.

In the first few days, the children can bring in their coats and book bags to the classroom and we can help them to find their pegs. All three Year 1 classes will be exiting at the end of the day using the side door near the Reception playground gates.



Core Curriculum:

English

We will be reading dinosaur stories and using these to explore adjectives, describing what dinosaurs may look like.

We will be recapping sounds they would have learnt in Reception (initial code) and beginning to introduce new sounds (extended code) in our daily phonics lessons.

Maths

We will be working on securing our knowledge of place value within 10, and will use apparatus, visual representations and written numbers to explore this. We will then move onto number bonds to 10 and simple addition and subtraction.

Science

We will be learning about the four seasons and focusing on the seasonal changes we see in Autumn. We will be observing how the trees change, the changes in the weather and how this affects what we wear.

Other areas of the Curriculum:

Topic

Our first topic of Year 1 is all about dinosaurs! The children will learn about different types of dinosaurs, where they lived and using natural resources to create dinosaur skin patterns by printing and rubbing. They will be offered plenty of opportunities to explore this topic across the curriculum.

Other areas of the Curriculum:

Computing

We will start by teaching the children how to turn on and open programmes on the laptops. They will then create their own dinosaur artwork using different painting programmes.

Music

The children will be learning a song called 'Hey You'. They will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will also listen for different voices in the music and what instruments they can hear.

PE

The children will be thinking about how different dinosaurs might have moved to create a simple sequence for a dance. They will also be developing their agility, coordination and balance through multi-sport activities.

PSHCE and values

Our value this half term is 'Respect' which we will be exploring through our class discussions. In addition, we will be using Casey Caterpillar and her stories, to explore and understand our feelings, particularly as we think about settling into our new class.

RE

The children will be exploring and discussing the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?'

Reminders/Key dates:

Autumn term

4 September - 20 December

Half term

21 October - 25 October

Training Day

18 October

School Photos

23 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

27 September

Parents' Evenings

15 October

17 October

Wow Day!

8 October (*Details to follow*)



Topic

Dinosaurs

