

Year 1 News

September 2021



A big welcome to Key Stage 1 and Year 1 — we are really excited about the year ahead! This is the first edition of our half termly Year 1 newsletter, which we hope will keep you informed about the curriculum.

Staff working in Year 1 this year are: Miss Horn, Miss Spragg, Miss Murray, Ms Gill, Mrs Merry, Miss Gibbons, Miss Farmer and Mrs Proctor.

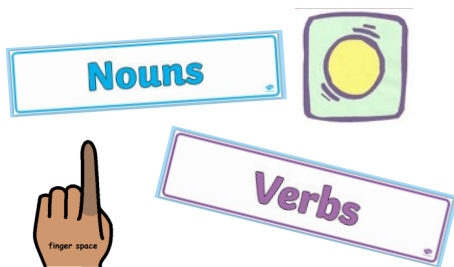
English

In English, alongside our Read Write Inc. programme, we will be developing the children's sentence composition, using oral rehearsal before writing: 'Think it! Say it! Write it! Check it!'

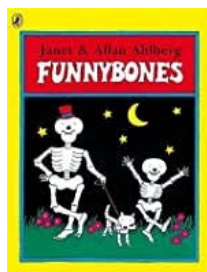
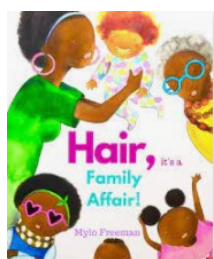


Our grammar focus will be learning about nouns and verbs as well as simple

punctuation, including full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. We will then look to apply these grammatical skills into our writing.

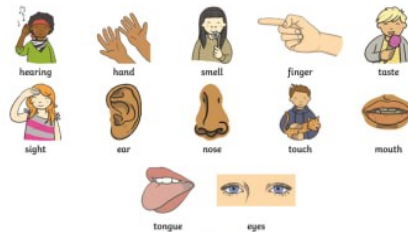


We will be using two focus texts this half term: 'Hair, it's a Family Affair' by Mylo Freeman and 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. From these stories we will be developing the children's sentence writing, beginning with simple sentences and later moving on to creating story maps and retelling a well-known story.

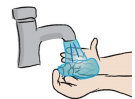


What Makes Me, Me?

Our science theme and enquiry this term is 'What makes me, me?' We will begin the half term by finding out what the children already know about their bodies, creating an ideas map. We will then teach the children to name and identify the function of various body parts as well as learning about how the senses link in with them. We will carry out some scientific investigations around the different senses, which will involve the children touching, smelling and tasting various foods.



We will also be looking at what it means to be healthy, including looking at the importance of washing our hands.



Art



Linked to our theme, the children will be using mixed media and collage (as well as sketching and shading) to create self-portraits and character images inspired by the work of Picasso.

Geography

As we are finding out all about the children and what makes them who they are, we will be learning about their local environment. We will begin by talking about Sheffield and their favourite places to go near their homes. Later in the half term, we will create a birds eye view of the classroom and take part in a local walk to find out about Crookes (more details to follow at a later date).

Dojos

Class Dojo is a fun way to reward children's use of the Westways Learning Powers. A weekly certificate and prize will be awarded to the pupil with the most Dojos from each class.



Maths

We begin the year by focusing on place value, which includes: recognising numbers to 20, developing accurate number formation and counting forwards and backwards from 20.



We will then move on to addition and subtraction by identifying 1 more and 1 less, number bonds to 10 as well as number sentences and the functions of + - = within them. As the term goes on, we will move onto identifying simple 2D and 3D shapes.

PE

This term we have a new PE and Sport specialist, Mr Millns, who will be teaching each class once a week. This term our PE focus is Athletics.

PE days for Year 1 are as follows:

Y1H: Tuesday and Wednesday

Y1M: Tuesday and Thursday

Y1S: Monday and Tuesday

Children should come dressed in their PE kit on their PE days (white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls). PE lessons will be outside whenever possible. Please **remove all jewellery** at home on PE days. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt.

Home Learning

Home Learning tasks will be in a grid style with the expectation that at least one activity a week is completed. Folders will go home at the start of the term and will be collected in the week before the end of term. Other activities (spellings, home reading books) may also be set each week.

Contact Details

Your child's teacher can be contacted by email through enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk if you have anything you wish to discuss with them.