

Year 1 News

January 2021



A big welcome back and Happy New Year — we hope everyone is well rested and ready for some fantastic learning!

English

In English, we will be continuing with our Read Write Inc. and SPaG lessons every morning. During this, children will be learning new phonic sounds, practising spellings and reading appropriate level books and working on their comprehension.

Alongside the programme, we will be looking at stories from around the world. We will be developing our writing skills by looking at persuasive writing, narratives and instructions.

Our grammar focus will continue to be learning about simple sentences with nouns and verbs as well as adjectives and simple punctuation, including full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. We will also be looking at writing questions using question marks.

How do people live across the world?

Our new theme is called 'How do people live across the world?'

We will have two focus texts for the half term: 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson and a Danish fairy tale 'The Nightingale' by Hans Christian Andersen.



From these narratives we will be building on the children's skills of sentence writing and editing our sentences using adjectives and interesting verbs. We will later move on to using those skills to create story maps to support our story writing.

Science

In science, we will be investigating materials. We will first learn the names of a range of materials then begin to think about their properties and uses.



Art/DT

Our art and DT work will focus on cutting skills. We will be looking at different collage techniques building towards a final piece which will hopefully be showcased in a collage museum.

Geography



In Geography, we will find out about different climates and how people have adapted to live in those countries. We will be looking at Alaska and Singapore as well as have a particular focus on Shanghai, China. Following on from this we will look at how the human and physical features of Shanghai are different to Sheffield and will also look at homes there in comparison to our own.

Computing

We will continue talking to the children about online safety and teach them how to log on and off a computer correctly. The children will also use drawing programs to create pictures.

RE

Our RE focus will be on celebrations. We will be looking at different religions and what they celebrate throughout the year. We will have a particular focus on Chinese New Year and how that is celebrated.



Maths

We begin with a recap of place value (10s and 1s) and will then continue to work on addition and subtraction using apparatus and number sentences.

$$6 - 2 = 4$$



Later on in the half term, we will move onto solving missing number problems (e.g. $4 + ? = 9$ and $? - 7 = 4$). In addition to this, we will continue to practise counting forwards and backwards in 10s and 2s.

PE

The children's PE lessons this half-term focus on attacking and defending.

PE days are as follows:

Y1H: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Y1M: Monday & Thursday

Y1S: Tuesdays & Thursday

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). During lessons they will need to **remove all jewellery**. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt.

Home Learning



Google Classroom

We have now created a Google Classroom exclusively for each Year 1 class. This is where we will upload home learning resources and activities, under the 'Classwork' tab, for your child to complete at home. To access Google Classroom, you will need to sign in using your child's individual login details that were sent out. If you have any issues accessing Google Classroom then please contact us at school.

