

Year 1 News



September 2019

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: Mrs Findler, Mrs Ford, Mrs Peverelle, Miss Hall, Mrs Hermitage, Ms Hobson and Mrs Proctor.

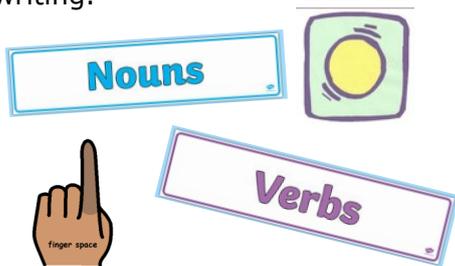
English

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.



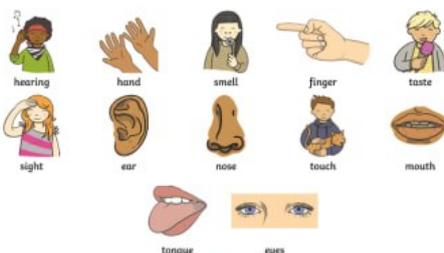
We will be using two focus texts this half term: '5 Minutes Peace' by Jill Murphey and 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. From these stories we will be developing the children's sentences writing, beginning with simple sentences and later moving on to predicting story endings, planning and creating story maps.

Contact Details

Your child's class teacher is available to talk to at the beginning and end of the school day. Alternatively you can contact them via the 'Contact Us' section of the website.

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 and brushing our teeth.



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

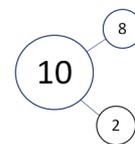
As we are finding out all about the children and what makes them who they are. We will be learning about their local environment. We will begin by talking about Sheffield, and their favourite places to go near their homes. Later in the half term, we will create a birds eye view of their classroom and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

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.



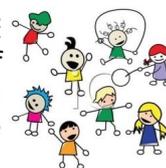
We will then move on to addition and subtraction by identifying 1 more and 1 less, number bonds to 10 as well as number sentences and the functions of + - = within them.



As the term goes on, we will move onto identifying simple 2D and 3D shapes.

PE

The children's PE lessons this half term will focus on developing their core skills and strength.



PE days for Year 1 are as follows:

Y1F: Tuesday & Thursday

Y1PF: Tuesday & Thursday

Please ensure your child has the appropriate Westways PE kit: white t-shirt; shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings and pumps/trainers. Their PE kit will be sent home at the end of half term. Please also ensure jewellery is removed. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform your class teacher in the morning.

Parent Reading Mornings

Parent Reading Mornings have begun this week. These mornings, give you the opportunity to see your child's classroom and share some 1:1 reading time with your child.

Y1F: Tuesday 8.45—9.00am

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