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'Growing Together'

Friday 10th September 2021

Year 1 Autumn Curriculum Overview 2021/22

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We hope that you and your family are well and enjoyed the summer break. As a year group team, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you an overview of the term ahead, with the aim to: -

- inform you of the **next steps** of your child's education;
- support your **at-home discussions** with your child(ren); and
- provide you with the tools to encourage **additional practise at home**.

Ribbon Virtues

Firstly, here is a reminder of Ribbon's key virtues. The 'RESPECT' framework supports our 'whole school approach' to be able to help children to develop these behaviour traits within everything we do at Ribbon. Our children will be praised and rewarded on the occasions that they showcase these virtues, so it is important they understand each virtue and when these are present in their behaviours.



Curriculum Overview

Please find below a grid, clearly showcasing what your child(ren) will be learning over the course of the autumn term.

Subject	In-Class Coverage
Phonics	<p>In phonics we will be learning to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build and read words of varied structure (i.e. CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CCVCC, CCCVC) • recognise a greater range of phonemes (sounds) • spell sounds with 1, 2, 3 or 4 letters • spell the same sound in different ways • recognise the same spelling as different sounds • read and write a variety of tricky words
Reading	<p>During our reading sessions, we will be reading a variety of texts to help us practise sequencing and retrieve information. Each week your child will receive a home reading book linked to our phonics lessons in school.</p>
Writing	<p>In writing this term, we will be looking at, 'The Colour Monster goes to school', by Anna Llenas. We will be focusing on re-telling the story and using simple adjectives to create a character description of the monster. We will also be reading, 'The Weather Girls' by Aki Delphine. This will help us to create a weather report.</p>



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Maths	<p>In maths, we will be looking at: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number and place value; working with numbers up to and including 10 • identifying and representing amounts, • comparing and ordering numbers within 10 <p>This term, we will begin to introduce the children to Mathletics, which is an online programme where children can access maths challenges to support their learning in school. Once this has been introduced, logins will be sent home. Children can login in at home to practise their maths using Mathletics; Mathletics is certainly beneficial to children as we will be setting specific activities linked to in school learning.</p>
Science	<p>In science, additional to developing key scientific investigation skills, we will be developing our scientific knowledge in our topic all about plants. We will be focusing on: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying common garden plants • naming parts of a plant; and • comparing plants found in the garden to wild plants <p>We will also be learning about humans during Autumn 2. We will be learning about our senses and labelling body parts.</p>
History	<p>In history lessons this term, children will be learning about the past, with a focus on events within our own lives. We will create a timeline of these events. We will also begin to compare events of our lives to lives of our families.</p>
Geography	<p>In geography lessons this term, children will be learning about the school grounds, through their topic, 'Can we play outside?' We will create simple maps of the school grounds and explore human and physical features.</p>
RE	<p>RE this term will focus on what we can learn about Christianity from visiting a church. During Autumn 2, we will be learning about gifts and the reasons why they are given at Christmas.</p>
PE	<p>Our PE sessions this term will focus on invasion games, gymnastics and dance.</p>
Computing	<p>In computing, we will begin by discussing e-safety and how to keep safe when using technology. We will explore computers and keyboards, name different types of computers and begin to use a mouse with control.</p>
PSHE	<p>In Jigsaw this term, we will be exploring our topic, 'Being me in my world'. We will be sharing and celebrating similarities and differences between ourselves and our peers and naming people that are special to us.</p>
Art & Design	<p>This term in art and design, we will be looking at artwork by Andy Goldsworthy. We will create collages and sculptures using natural materials. This will be enhanced through our 'Teamwork Tuesday' sessions in the outdoors.</p>
Design & Technology	<p>In Design and Technology, the children will be exploring mechanisms by creating their own moving pictures. The children will explore a range of resources such as sticks, string, glue and split pins to create their moving elements.</p>
Music	<p>This term, we will introduce musical language and begin to play the ocarina.</p>





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Key Reminders

PE Kits	Reading at Home
	
<p>Full PE kits must be brought into school every Monday. This will be returned each Friday ready for the following week. Children need to wear Ribbon kit which consists of: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • black hoody • jersey bottoms • green shorts (weather dependent) 	<p>It's vitally important that your child practises their reading at home on a little, yet often basis. This will develop their confidence, fluency and love for reading. Your child must bring their reading book to school every day so we can support them to do the same. Together let's support your child to clock-up their reading miles!</p>

Practising At Home

On the occasion that your child cannot attend school, please access the below online platforms to support the learning and practice of your children's knowledge and skills. For some platforms, you will need to locate your child's log in details.

TT Rockstars	Bitesize	Oak National Academy	Mathletics	Reading Plus	Accelerated Reader
					
Click the Link	Click the Link	Click the Link	Click the Link	Click the Link	Click the Link

Key Dates

Event	Date	Time
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021	3:30pm
School Reopens	Monday 1 st November 2021	9:00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 17 th December 2021	3:30pm
School Reopens	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	9:00am

We strongly discourage holidays taken during term time. For more information, please contact **Mrs K Maddison (Family Support Advisor)** via main reception.

Thank you in advance for your support over this coming term.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Tweedie, Miss Keeling and Miss Walton
(Year 1 Team)