



Class 1

Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Thank you for our cards and gifts.

This half term the theme for learning is **A Year of Wonders**. In Class 1 we will be learning about castles; how they changed, materials used to build them and artists that painted them.

Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term the children will be extending their phonic knowledge through their Read Write Inc sessions. We are now encouraging Reception to use their phonic knowledge to independently read and write words and sentences, whereas the Year 1s are working on expanding their simple sentences to include interesting words.

Our role play area has become a castle. This will encourage the children to communicate with each other to plan how they want to play.

Year 1 - Our Literacy focus is Poetry. We will spend time learning how to rhyme words and choosing rhyming words to finish poems. The children will listen to a range of poetry and write their own humorous and nonsense poems.



Problem solving, reasoning and numeracy

The Reception children will be focusing on learning to add and subtract using objects and number lines to count on to find the answer. We will also be doing lots of counting on and back from different numbers to 20.

The Year 1 children have started to learn how to add 1 more or less by using their mental maths and 100 squares. They will also be adding and subtracting a single digit to/from a two digit number. This will be done by using coins, objects, number lines and 100 squares. They will also be learning to weigh objects in grams and kilograms and recording it. Throughout this half term the children will be tackling problems too.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus this half term is 'Going for Goals!' The children will think about things they have learned and what skills they use to learn. The children will decide on their own goal that they could work on to achieve.



Understanding the World

In history the children will be learning about how Cliffords Tower, York changed from a Motte and Bailey castle to a stone castle. They will find out about the features of a castle and what life was like in a castle.

Mrs Tait will teach RE this half term. The RE question is 'How do we show care for others?'. The children will think about how we care for others, what we should do for others and what the Bible teaches us.



In science the children will be thinking about materials and their properties. They will identify what objects are made from and learn about man-made and natural materials. This will be linked to materials used in castles.



In computing the children will be learning how to correctly use a mouse track pad, how to open programs and save their work by themselves.



Physical development

This half term the children will have a gymnastics coach every Tuesday. The children will develop balancing skills through moving in different ways. They will also have dance lessons which will encourage them to build up sequences of movements to match different pieces of music.



Creative development

This half term we are focusing on Art, where we will be learning about the painting 'Castle and Sun' by Paul Klee. The children will learn about shapes and colours used by Klee and create their own castle picture in the same way.



The children will be learning about loud and quiet, long and short and create rhythms of their own. The children will be using a variety of instruments too.

Reception pupils

Special Stars (Reception only)

Thank you for all the Special Stars that were returned to school by the end of term, if you still have any please could you return them as soon as possible. You will find a new set that you can fill in and return by the end of this half term.

Reading Books

The children are all working really hard with their reading; I expect children to read at home every day. Please write a brief comment every time you hear them read. Thank you for your support

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Learning Log

Year 1 children will now be receiving their learning log homework every fortnight. It will be sent home on Wednesdays and needs to be completed and sent back to school by the deadline. If you have any questions, please ask a member of staff from Class 1.

KIRFs

The KIRF challenge will take place on **Wednesdays** and their scores will be recorded in their reading record. If you have any queries about this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dates to remember:

Friday 29 January - Class 1 trip to York Castle Museum

Tuesday 2 February @ 9am - Celebrating work worship. All parents and carers are welcome to join us to celebrate all the classes work over the half term.

Tuesday 2 February @ 3.30pm - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 3 February @3.30pm - Parents' Evening

Thursday 11 February @ 5.30pm - Parents' Evening

Friday 12th February - Last day of the half term

Winter Clothing

As the weather gets colder, please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a jumper/cardigan, waterproof coat, hat and gloves every day? We play outside as often as we can, regardless of the weather. When the weather becomes snowy, the children should bring a pair of wellies with their name on in a plastic bag, so we don't end up with wet school shoes!

Junk Modelling

We are in short supply of any materials for the children to junk model with. Any type of boxes, containers, cardboard or lids would be great. If you have any spare recycling items, please can you send them in as and when you have them. Thank you

Spare clothes

We are in need of some spare clothes that are between ages 3-5. We really need spare tights, socks and boys' trousers. If you have any that you could donate to school we would really appreciate it.

Long Hair

If your child has long hair please ensure it is tied up everyday.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me or make an appointment to see me.

Miss Langley

Mrs Oosterveen

Ms Budd