

Year 1 Curriculum Letter Autumn 2016



This letter and further information about the curriculum can be accessed from our website:

www.stjosephsbillingham.org.uk

Subject-Learning Objectives/Skills	How you can support at home.
<p>Topic</p> <p>Why can't a meerkat live in the North Pole?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. • Locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and the North and South Poles. <p>Are our toys more fun than Grandma and Granddads toys?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare old and new toys. • Creating a timeline of toys from their lifetime. • Sorting old and new toys chronologically. 	<p>If you have any resources/books at home regarding hot and cold countries or animals that live in these habitat, please feel free to send them into school. They can be used to support learning.</p> <p>The following website http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxq6pv4 has information about habitats.</p> <p>Talk about favourite toys from your childhood and ask older relatives to discuss theirs too. If you have any resources/photos of old toys please send them into school to support our learning.</p>
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are humans not like tigers? (Animals including humans) • Why isn't everyone afraid of the dark? (Light and dark) 	<p>Talk about parts of the body and compare human and animal body parts. Find out about the different foods animals eat. Have fun with your child exploring the five senses.</p> <p>Look for and talk about objects that produce light. Have fun investigating shadows – you could make shadow puppets with your hands or create shadow puppet theatres.</p>
<p>Computing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logging onto laptops, using a tracking pad and learning to type with independence. • We are treasure hunters – using Bee-Bots and programmable toys. • We are celebrating – creating cards. 	<p>Talk to your child about staying safe on the Internet. If you have a computer/laptop/tablet at home help your child type so that they become familiar with upper case and lower case correspondence. The following website is useful for this: http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr</p>
<p>PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness • Dance 	<p>Practise getting dressed and undressed independently. Talk to your child about the importance of looking after their own property.</p>
<p>Art/DT (linked to topic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour mixing • Making a moving toy 	<p>Have fun painting at home and investigate how to make different colours and shades.</p> <p>Play with toys and talk about how they move.</p>
<p>PSHCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAL new beginnings • SEAL getting on and falling out • Anti-bullying 	<p>Talk to your child about what is fair and unfair, and what is right and wrong. Discuss how they can be friends with lots of children and play with others, and what they can do if they fall out with a friend.</p>
<p>Music:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing • Exploring rhythm 	<p>To try playing some clapping games at home. If one person claps a rhythm and then the other person has to copy it. Could then introduce some musical instruments or use household objects such as pots and pans to make different sounds.</p>

Information about the RE curriculum is provided on a separate sheet.

Homework

Children will get a Read, Write Inc book, homework and spellings on a Wednesday. Children will also bring home a story book or non-fiction book to share on a Friday to be returned on a Monday. The children are not expected to read these books independently. Children will have one week to complete their spellings and homework. The reading book must be returned to school on a Friday to enable teachers to swap the books. If homework is not brought into school on time children will lose Dojo's.

PE

Children must have a full PE kit in school every day otherwise there will be a loss of Dojo points. Please ensure that your child's name is on their PE kit.

Clubs

KS1 have a multi sports club on a Monday after school. If your child did not get a place in this club then do not worry we have many exciting opportunities coming up throughout the year. Information to follow.

Important Dates

4th October Feast day of St Francis of Assisi, our class Saint.

WOW Factor

A visit from Animal Story will take place on Monday 19th September. Children will be able to look at and hold a range of insects and animals that are usually found in desert habitats.

During Autumn 2 we will have a toys then and now resource box from Preston Park Museum for the children to explore.

The Friends of St Joseph meet every Tuesday morning at 9.00 for a coffee morning. This is a very supportive group for the school and all parents are welcome to come along.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns please contact me at the earliest opportunity. Also if you have any suggestions, ideas or resources that you feel could support our curriculum please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs M Bradshaw