



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 1 Spring Term 2

The teachers in Year 5 this term are:

- Mr Purcell – 1P
- Miss Scott – 1S



### Assembly Themes

Our assemblies this half term will focus on our CARE values.

### English

In English, we will focus on Grandad's Island by Benji Davies. We will use the story to explore the characters, settings and events, and think carefully about how Syd feels at different points in the book. We will write a recount from Syd's point of view, retelling parts of the story as if we were Syd, and we will also write a postcard from Grandad to Syd, using ideas from the story to imagine what Grandad might say.



We will also use Grandad's Island in our reading lessons, where we will read together, talk about the story, and share our ideas. Children will practise answering questions, finding key information in the text and pictures, and exploring new vocabulary to use in their speaking and writing.

### Science



This half term in Science we will be focusing on 'Why do we use different materials for different things?' Children will explore what everyday objects are made from and why. They will investigate different materials, describing their properties such as strength, flexibility, hardness and transparency. Children will think about why certain materials are chosen for particular objects and consider which materials are best suited for different purposes.

### History



This half term in History, we will be learning about the history of flight. Children will begin by looking at the myth of Icarus and early ideas about flying. We will then explore some of the first real attempts at flight, including hot air balloons, before learning about the Wright brothers and how flight has changed over time. Children will compare early aircraft with modern planes and finish the topic by learning about the moon landing and why it was such an important achievement.

### Maths



This half term in Maths, we will continue exploring numbers to 50. Children will build confidence in counting, recognising, representing and comparing numbers, and will continue to develop their understanding of tens and ones. Later in the term, we will move on to capacity and measurement, where children will use practical activities to compare, measure and describe different amounts and sizes.

### DT



This half term in DT, children will explore freestanding structures and learn how they are made strong and stable. They will investigate different ways of building and joining materials before designing and making their own chair using rolled paper. Along the way, children will test ideas, solve problems, and think about how to make their structures sturdy and successful.

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Year 1 will be supported by:

- Mrs Fletcher
- Miss Latham
- Miss Brookes

- WB 23/3
- Phonics Parents Workshop
  - Church Easter Visit
  - Craft afternoon

### Experiences



### PE



This half term, we will be focussing on Yoga and fundamental skills. Year 1 will have PE every Friday.

#### PE Kit

- plain white t-shirt
- plain black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black hoodie (with or without school logo)
- Plain trainers
- No jewellery

If children cannot take out their own stud earrings, we politely ask that these are removed before the start of the school day.

### Music



This half term in Music, children will explore traditional tales and use their voices to help tell a story. They will practise changing their voice, expression and volume to bring characters and events to life.

### Computing

In Computing this half term, children will be learning how to create their own pictograms. They will collect information about favourite colours, foods and animals, and use this data to make simple pictograms, helping them develop early data-handling and computing skills.

### RE



This half term in RE, children will explore what Christians believe about God. They will learn through Bible stories, including *The Lost Son* and *Jonah and the Big Fish*, and think about what these stories teach Christians about God's character and love.

### Home Learning

Homework will be shared with children every two weeks. This will include a phonics activity related to the phonic sounds that children have been learning in school.

**'Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.'**

**Barak Obama**

### Mastering Number

# 123

We will learn to recognise numbers and number bonds to 10 using different equipment.

### PSHE



This half term in PSHE, we will be learning about being healthy. Children will explore ways to keep their bodies and minds healthy, including healthy eating, exercise, rest and keeping clean. They will also think about simple choices they can make to look after themselves every day.

We love to hear about what you've been reading, and see that Reading Records are being used to record reading moments.

