

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

English

During English we will continue with our whole school Talk for Writing program.

This term Year 1 will read and write their own 'Beat the monster' story based on a well known traditional tale. They will also create a "Losing tale' based on a well known modern day story, explore and create a non-fiction unit based on an information text and a learn and write their own Christmas poetry.

Reading

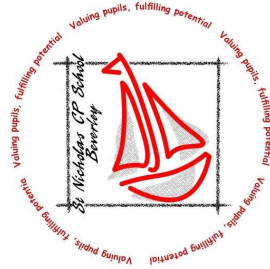
The children will participate in our new phonics program 'Little Wandle' where they will be taught sound recognition for reading and spelling. They will also complete reading sessions three times a week and visit the school library weekly. There will also be daily class story sessions to instill a love of reading.

Computing

The children will be thinking about the good uses of information technology (IT) in our everyday lives. They will be learning how to use a laptop and starting to develop their keyboard skills, using a mouse and a keypad.

The children will then begin to explore how devices can capture, edit and improve photographs.

The underling theme throughout our computing lessons will be staying safe online.



We hope this newsletter provides you with some useful information about the areas that our year children will be covering this term.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Holland, Miss Main & Miss Agnew

Home Learning

After a period of settling into Year 1 we will then begin to send home reading books linked to the new phonics scheme "Little Wandle". Children should read daily to help them develop their fluency and apply their phonic knowledge. These books will have been read by the children during reading groups and they should be able to read and decode them confidently. There will also be weekly spelling that will run alongside the phonics program.

Maths

For the first half term we will be continuing with Power Maths lessons based on the number system, concentrating on numbers to 10 and then 20 and using them to solve calculations. We will then be moving on to looking at 2D and 3D shapes and beginning to describe them using the correct mathematical language.

Children will be given login details for a maths programme called Numbots which helps to consolidate the childrens mental maths and understanding of the different operations.



Religious Education

This term the unit for RE is 'Belonging'. This will explore our daily routines, special groups and special books. We will be making comparisons with the Hindu faith. We will also be looking at breaking promises and forgiveness.

PE

Our PE this term will begin with indoor Gymnastics and outside ball skills. The children will also be continuing with their Command Joe sessions where they work on their team work and personal confidence.



Science

This term we will be exploring everyday materials and testing some of their properties. We will also be investigating our senses and carrying out some simple experiments and recording data.

We will be observing the changing seasons throughout the year so will be going on an autumnal walk around the school environment.



French

KS1 follow a French scheme called Little Languages. This is a played based scheme that the children learn the language through hands on activities such as role play, singing and story telling. The children will continue to learn the basics such as number and greetings as well as moving onto more specific areas.



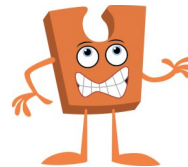
History

We will be learning about the lives of two significant individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Our focus individuals are Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children will be finding out about how Florence Nightingale helped soldiers in the Crimean War, explore the ways in which she changed nursing conditions as a result and become the Lady of the Lamp. They will then find out about the life of Mary Seacole and how she also helped soldiers during the war. Finally the children will compare these two nurses and explore the impact both had on the nursing profession.

PSHE

For PSHE we will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our first topic this term will be "Being me in my world". This focuses on the children feeling safe in their classes and learning about rewards and consequences.

Following on from this topic we will be looking at "Celebrating difference" which explores what makes us unique and we will be identifying similarities and differences between our peers.



Music

In Music we will be exploring the beat and rhythm of music. The children will have lots of fun singing, improvising and composing their own rhythms.

They will use a range of percussion instruments and experiment with volume and pitch.

They will experience a range of musical styles and begin to think about how music can be used to tell stories.

