



Curriculum Newsletter for year 1 and 2 Autumn 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the year. This will be a busy half-term for the children; they will be settling into their new classes and getting to know the adults working with them. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day is Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Please remember to bring in trainers everyday for our daily mile.

Homework will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school on time.

Our Topic for this half term is 'Toys through time'.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy we will be writing simple sentences using ideas from our favourite books, this term will be reading 'James and Giant Peach' as well as the 'The Tiger who came to tea' We will also be learning to use connectives and adjectives in our writing. We will be developing our use of adjectives and looking at noun phrases.

In Numeracy our key skills focus will be on counting in multiples of different numbers. We will also work on place value and number bonds to 10 and 20 and use these to help us solve addition and subtraction problems.

In Jewish Studies we will be focussing on the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah as well as recognising and orally practising how to say letters and name family members in Ivrit.

In Humanities, our focus is on history. We will be looking at toys from the past. We will be exploring what makes a toy new and old. We will also look at how material for toys has changed over the years.

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Our Science work will be on "The human body." We will name and label the parts of the human body. We will be learning about the five senses and investigating how they are needed by the body.

In Ivrit, we will be learning about the alphabet and families. In year 2, we will be looking at how to say different toys in Ivrit.

In music we will be exploring durations. In particular the purpose of long and short notes.

In RE we will be learning about all the different religions and what each religion's symbol looks like.

In Art, we will be looking at clay. We will be exploring different techniques and using our knowledge to create our own clay pots.

In PE we will be playing ball games and learning and developing throwing, catching, rolling and kicking skills to play games.

In PSHCE we will be discussing responsibilities for class and school and why they are important.

In Computing we will be learning the basic functions of laptops and how we can use these to support our learning.

We will also be using iPads to research.