



Class 1 Curriculum Letter

I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and a wonderful new year! We have already made a brilliant start to the Spring term, with lots of excited and eager children returning to school. It is lovely to have all of Class 1 back together! Our goal is continuing to keep everyone safe while making this new term interesting and educational for all.

Our PE day is on a **Monday** and for the first half of the term we will be focusing on gymnastics. The second half of the term will consist of striking and fielding games. Children **do not** need to bring their PE bag into school, **they should come into school on Monday's ready**. Please check your child has:

- A Singleton PE white t-shirt or a polo white t-shirt
- Singleton school jumper/cardigan
- Red shorts (in winter these can be replaced by **black** joggers)
- Trainers or pumps

***All earrings must be taken out before the PE day.** Children must not wear earrings for PE. If the child cannot remove the earrings they will be exempt from the lesson.

School Timetable:

The school day will be jam-packed with fantastic, enriched learning opportunities, and we anticipate having lots of fun. We have a broad and balanced curriculum, with lots of fantastic topics and opportunities to engage and acquire new skills.

Literacy: As always, there will be a focus on developing fundamental skills in reading, writing, and SPAG. Spelling and handwriting are equally crucial and should be practised. Starting on Friday, January 13, 2023, spelling lists will be distributed every Friday, with tests the following week. We will also be continuing to use our fantastic scheme which has a focus on "Teach through a text". This term, the children will be writing our own narratives after studying the book "Beegu", a story about an alien who struggles to fit in to life on Earth. Following this, Class 1 will be learning to write poems using "The Owl and the Pussy cat" by Edward Lear.

Numeracy: In Numeracy, we will once more put a lot of effort into mastering addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division as well as fractions, money and measurement. Children will continue to acquire and use their Maths skills to solve reasoning and problem solving challenges. As in the previous term, it is vital that MyMaths homework is completed each week as this reinforces the child's learning.

Science: Our new Topic is "Little Chefs", whereby we will be describing the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene. The second half term topic will have a focus on the different environments and animals around the world. Class 1 will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Topic: In the first half term, we have an exciting Geography unit on the journey of food from around the world. Class 1 will be investigating and researching how our food starts its journey and then ends up on our plates. After half term, our History work will be finding out how holidays have changed from the past to the present.

RE: We will continue to follow the Diocese plans and units. Our first unit of work is "What made Jesus special?". This will involve exploring Bible stories that reveal Jesus' power and divine nature. We will then talk about how and why Jesus was special.

Our second unit is "How do symbols help us to understand the story of Easter?"

PHSE: We will continue to follow the Coram Education Scheme in PHSE, Keeping myself safe, Rights, and responsibilities.

Music: Our fun music lessons will be based on timbre and rhythmic patterns. These will be linked to traditional fairy tales.

Computing: Using our fantastic resource Purple Mash, we will become Lego builders. Class 1 will emphasise the importance of following instructions and learn how to follow and create simple instructions on the computer.

ART & DT: DT will be taught through Fantastic Friday. We have a brilliant topic of "wheels and axles" in which we will be researching how vehicles move and create our own wacky races. Following this, will be become artists, thinking about how we can "make our mark".

Important information Recap:

Book Changing day is **MONDAY**.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday. This will include at least:

- MyMaths home work
- SPAG.com
- Spellings

Homework is a crucial element of school that reinforces the learning we do. This partnership allows us to be cohesive in our expectations. Therefore, we ask you to encourage your children to undertake and complete homework tasks in order to promote:

- positive attitude to work
- self-esteem and a sense of achievement
- improved standards of performance

Early reading in Key Stage 1 is extremely important. It is vital that every child is heard reading daily at home and then this must be recorded in reading diaries. Please have discussions about the book and ensure that children have an understanding of what they are reading. Re-reading of books is also important. It is recommended that early reading books should be read at least three times for children to fully understand the book.

Homework grid below:



Class	Maximum Time per day spent on homework	Daily homework	Weekly tasks		Homework Given out	Homework due in	Other
1	20 – 25 mins per night	10 mins reading each night.	My Maths	20/30mins	Friday online	Friday online	Throughout the year the children will also have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Talk' for writing homework when relevant and linked to literacy or a Talk Project (this starts
			Times tables – Rock stars	20/25 mins			
		5 mins times tables per day (Timetables Rock Stars) Year Two only (but Year one are welcome	Spellings	Daily	Friday on paper	Friday tests	
			SPAG.com	20/25 mins	Friday online	Friday online	

		to participate in this too)					in the Summer Term) Reading book information Books will be changed on Monday's
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Finally, thank you for a brilliant Autumn term! I am very much looking forward to 2023 and all the exciting and fun days we will be having at school! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries/concerns. We continue to operate an open door policy, please feel free to contact me on drop off and pick up each day for with any questions or concerns.

Many Thanks

Mr Hogg