



Class 1 Curriculum Letter

I hope you have all had an amazing Summer holidays! We have already made a brilliant start to the Autumn term, with lots of excited and eager children returning to school. It is lovely to have all of Class 1 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 fundamental skills. 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 hoodie
- Red shorts or **black** joggers/ leggings (No cycling shorts)
- 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 take a non-active role in the lesson. If your child wants to get their ears pierced please consider doing this at the start of the summer holidays to avoid them missing out on physical education.

Please can children only bring a red book bag to school as we have a very limited amount of space in the cloakroom. Children can bring packed lunch in a separate bag if required.

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, 13th September 2024, 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 "Cave Baby", a story about a baby who has a wonderful artistic skill. Following this, Class 1 will be learning to write adventure stories using "Naughty Bus" by Jan Oke and Jerry Oke.

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 "Materials", we will be comparing and classifying different materials. We will be completing experiments bending, stretching and squashing. Then creating our own material monsters. The second half term topic is "Celebrations". Class 1 will be exploring how to use our senses to explore. We will make our own shadow puppets. Then identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common plants.

Topic: In the first half term, we have an exciting Geography unit on Our Local Area. Class 1 will be drawing maps and including keys. We will be identifying human and physical features. After half term, our History unit will be "My Family History".

RE: We will continue to follow the Diocese plans and units. Our first unit of work is "The Bible". This will involve exploring Bible stories that reveal Jesus was an extraordinary person who welcomed everyone as a friend. Our second unit is "Creation".

PHSE: We will continue to follow the Coram Education Scheme in PHSE, Me and My Relationships and Valuing Difference.

Music: Our fun music lessons will be based on pulse and rhythm and Orchestral instruments. Then in the second half term we will complete our 'Musical Theatre' sessions with Miss Natasha based on 'Shrek'.

Computing: Using our fantastic resource Purple Mash, we will be learning about online safety. The children will use Purple Mash for Self-image and identity. The second topic will be online relationships.

ART & DT: Art will be taught through Fantastic Friday. We have a brilliant topic of "Paper Play" in which we will be using strips of paper to create a 3D picture. Following this we will be planning, designing and building our own smoothie during the topic of Fruits and Vegetables.

Important information Recap:

Book Changing day is **MONDAY**

Homework

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

- MyMaths home work
- 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 in the Summer Term)
		5 mins times tables per day. (For Year 2 and Year 1 can also join in if they wish)	Spellings	Daily	Friday on paper	Friday tests	
Reading book information Books will be changed on MONDAY							

I am very much looking forward to this Year 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 or pick up each day for with any questions or concerns.

Many Thanks

Mrs Warner