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Welcome to Year 1! We hope the following information will be useful.

English

This term we will be looking at stories with familiar settings, focusing on characters, beginnings, middles and ends. We will focus on using capital letters to begin sentences and how to use full stops correctly. We will be studying poetry, themed around the senses, and will look at rhyming patterns. We will continue our phonics program and practise handwriting regularly. Also, throughout this term there will be a heavy emphasis on developing children's vocabulary and speaking and listening through role play and drama.

Maths

This term the focus will be on ordering and using numbers to 20, with a strong emphasis on bonds to 10 and then onto 20. This will include counting, adding and subtracting with objects and then developing confidence in recording calculations. The children will practise counting on and back, counting in tens, and they will work on the concept of one more and less to 20. Other maths topics for this term are length, time and 2D shapes.



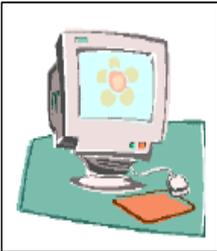
Science

We hope to have a stimulating and exciting term with our science topics. The children will work practically investigating animals and their needs. They will be sorting and classifying animals and consider their natural habitats. They will also focus on the topic 'Ourselves' in which we explore our senses, body parts and how we change as we grow older.



Computing

The children will continue to learn basic skills, such as using the mouse, selecting items, typing simple words and matching labels to pictures. In addition, they will use a range of programs to support all areas of the curriculum with a focus on exploration and trial.



Music

The children will explore pulse and rhythm, learn new songs linked to their topics, and use a variety of percussion instruments. Year 1 also introduces the children to a wide variety of music from different cultures.



PE

The children will respond to music through dance and develop an awareness of rhythm and space. Outdoor PE will focus on developing motor skills through the use of a variety of equipment and working cooperatively in small groups.



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The first half term we will look at Harvest Festival and explore why the Bible and the church are important to Christians. The second half of the term will focus on the importance of Christmas. We will explore different themes through our class assemblies linked to the school values such as thankfulness, peace and compassion.



Geography/History

This work will be closely linked to our topic on the local area. The children will also gain an understanding of where Teddington stands as part of the United Kingdom. We will be using atlases and globes as well as looking at famous buildings and important people from our area, both past and present.

Art and D&T

The children will work with a variety of media and use colour mixing, patterns, collage and 3D modelling to create art work. They will work with clay, paint portraits and express opinions about various artists work. Many art and D&T activities will be linked to our topics, for example creating self-portraits during the topic of 'Ourselves' and designing a home for a pet.



General Information

PE KITS

PE kits should remain in school all week. Please make sure children's PE kit is named and check regularly that plimsolls still fit. During the colder winter months we would appreciate it if you could supply a pair of dark tracksuit bottoms for outside PE. Please encourage your children to put on their own shoes and socks as this can be a time consuming task when helping 30 children! Thank you.

READING BOOKS AND DIARIES

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary in to school every day.

ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

We have had a great start to the term and have been impressed with the children coming in independently in the mornings. Please continue to encourage them to enter the classroom by themselves and organise their belongings independently.

HOMEWORK

We regard reading as your child's most important homework in Year 1 although weekly spellings will also be sent home later in the year as well as relevant topic-related tasks.

BITS AND PIECES

We would greatly appreciate it if you could provide your child with a glue-stick and a box of tissues to aid classroom management. We are also constantly in need of any 'junk modelling' materials and are always grateful for any donations.

CEDAR CLASS DAYS

Mrs Hamblett will teach Cedar Class on Mondays and Tuesdays whilst Miss Hay will teach them on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We thank you for your support and look forward to a happy and successful year.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hamblett & Miss Hay (Cedar), Miss Beales (Beech), Mr Kearns (Maple)