

Welcome to the new academic year! We all hope that you enjoyed your summer break and had a brilliant time wherever you were. The children have arrived back refreshed, showing a real eagerness to learn. The staff are enjoying getting to know the children and are looking forward to an exciting year working with them.

The staff in keystage 1 are:

Miss Tibbles (Kingfisher class teacher/Team Leader)	Miss White (TA)
Mrs. Pretorius (Heron class teacher)	Mrs Merchant (TA)
Mrs. Caswell / Mrs. Brady (Swan class teachers)	Mrs. Randall (TA)
Mrs. Gardner (Learning Mentor)	Mrs. Jolliffe (TA)

The Curriculum

English

The term will begin with the whole school reading and enjoying the book 'The Bear and the piano' children will use their prediction skills to discuss what will happen in the story. Following this the children will study another story called 'Dinosaur Time', they will learn the texts using a text map and actions. They will magpie ideas from the story to support them in writing their own dinosaur stories. Please encourage your children to retell the story to you at home. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts about dinosaurs and the children will be writing facts. We are excited to see where these books, and our questions, will take us on our learning adventure!

Throughout each of the English Units, we will be covering Grammar separately in class according to the key stage 1 Curriculum.

Maths

Maths teaching this term will begin by looking at place value. This will involve:

- counting (forwards and backwards)
- reading and writing numbers up to 100
- representing numbers as tens and ones
- comparing groups, numbers and ordering them.

We will then move onto Addition and Subtraction:

- studying money recognising coins and finding the total of money
- fact families
- adding by counting on
- subtraction including finding the difference
- comparing number sentences.

Curriculum Subjects.

This term's topic is Dinosaurs, where the children will:

- discover different parts of the world where dinosaurs once roamed
- create a habitat suitable for a dinosaur
- use timelines to see how the world has changed since dinosaurs became extinct
- learn the different periods of when different dinosaurs lived.

Computing will be taught by Miss Jones, the children will be learning about online safety and coding using Purple Mash. Children will be issued with their own personal login and password which they can use to assess Purple Mash at home.

R.E/PSHE will be taught by Mrs Kern, the children will be learning how nature is important across religions and learning about harvest festivals. Later on in the term, children will learn about the true meaning of Christmas. PSHE will focus on new beginnings, and the school values.

PE will be taught by Mr Higgs and your child's class teacher.

Homework

The children will have weekly homework which will consist of English and Maths work that the children have been learning about. Along with this they will have spellings to learn each week. These will be issued to the children on a Wednesday and is to be handed in on the Monday.



Extra activities

Forest Schools and swimming:

Throughout the year each class will take part in Forest Schools and swimming.

Autumn 1

Heron—Forest School
Kingfisher—Swimming

Autumn 2

Swan—Forest School
Heron—Swimming

Reading:

It is important that your children read as much as possible, aiming for 4 times a week. Your children have been given reading records and we would ask that when you hear your children read, this is signed. If reading records are lost this will incur a charge of £1 for it to be replaced.

In Key stage 1 the children will read with adults during guided reading.

A few reminders:

- Children to have a named water bottle in school everyday.
- PE kit to be in school and clearly labelled.
- All children's uniform and coats are clearly labelled.
- Remember to regularly check the school jotter for all upcoming dates and events.

Here's to a fun packed term!
From the Key Stage 1 Team.