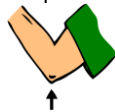


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SCIENCE

Ourselves

- *Senses and sensing the world around us
- *Observations and comparisons between humans and other animals
- *Movement
- *What humans and other animals need to stay alive
- *Naming and matching body parts
- *Recognising animals and their babies



RE

Understanding Christianity

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Moving pictures

- *Using levers, hinges, and sliders to create a moving body part

ART

- *Learning how to draw a self-portrait
- *Exploring tone with pencil markings
- *Snail drawings
- *Printing

ENGLISH

Drama for writing

The Snail and the Whale

- *Descriptive writing and understanding adjectives

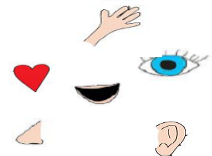
- *Persuasive writing

Poetry

- *About our senses

Information text

- *Labelling and writing captions for human and animal bodies



All about me The Snail and the Whale



MUSIC

Singing - find our singing voice and pitch matching

Listening - identifying instruments when listening to music and discussing how it makes us feel



PSHE

Being me in my World Changes

*Linked to science, recognising how animals change as they grow

Good to be me

- *Recognising similarities and differences
- *What makes me special?

PE

Balls skills

- *Throwing and catching

Dance

- *sequencing actions
- *animal movements

GEOGRAPHY

The local area

- *Where we live
- *Physical features such as volcanoes and icebergs linked to The Snail and the Whale
- *Making and using maps
- *Where other animals live

MATHS

*Number - using different tools to think with, to explore numbers

*Place value using numicon to 100

*Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s



Year 1 Newsletter - autumn 2018

We hope you have had an exciting and restful summer holiday. We look forward to getting to know your child, and we hope this information helps you and your child prepare for being in Year 1.

The Team

Cherry Class - Mrs Felstead (Mon, Tues, Weds AM) and Mrs Worth (Weds PM, Thurs, Fri)

Chestnut Class - Mrs Rands. Miss Goodswen is completing her teacher training in Chestnut class this year.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Walker and Mrs Simms

Mrs Mitchell, Mr Thomas and Mrs Worth will be teaching the children on Wednesday afternoons for PE and RE.

So far in Year 1, the children have been discussing what makes them special and sharing their summer experiences with us. The children have settled well into Year 1 life and we will be moving onto our topic which is 'The Snail and the Whale' (please see our attached topic web).

In Year 1, the children will be becoming more independent, so we ask that your child is dropped off at the door to the cloakroom area, and they are expected to carry their own coats and bags etc. A member of staff will be at the door for any questions or messages. Unless you need to talk to the teacher about an urgent matter, please see them at the end of the day. At 3.15pm the children are collected from outside their classroom door (please stand outside your child's classroom window so we can see you). Please keep checking the whiteboards outside our door, as we will communicate any important information there. Separate letters will be sent out if we have any trips or visiting speakers.

The learning style in Year 1 will be similar to Reception, with some free flow between both classes during the afternoons and more whole class teaching in the mornings. The children will be given weekly challenges, which will also include the opportunity for learning through play. At the beginning of each session, the children will be involved in longer sessions of group learning and discussions.

PE - Please make sure that your child has suitable PE kit in school EVERY day. Also please make sure your child is not wearing earrings on a **PE day** (Tuesday and Wednesday). Long hair needs to be tied back, so please provide a hair band for this. The school uniform PE kit consists of the following items: team colour tee shirt, royal blue shorts, trainers, sweatshirt (must be separate to their daily school jumper), jogging bottoms. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure EVERYTHING is named! Unnamed items go missing frequently! As the weather is getting colder it is important to have winter PE kits in school.**

Wellies - As the weather deteriorates please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school everyday, under their peg, as we would like to be able to have the opportunity to work outside whenever possible.

Behaviour (School policy) - Each child has a dojo icon on the computer to promote positive behavior. Children are rewarded with dojo points, linking to our school Caterpillar Values. The children love collecting dojo points and when they reach the first target amount they will receive a bronze certificate. They will then work towards their silver and gold certificate.



Forest School - We are excited to let you know that Miss Edwards will be running a forest school club on Friday afternoons with Mrs Simms! We will let you know when it is your child's turn and the dates for this. We will also send out further information about clothing etc. It will run for about 4-5 weeks and all children will be involved throughout the year.

Water Bottles - Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school. The children are only allowed water in their bottles, no juice or other liquids. Bottles will be sent home daily.

Reading - Regular reading is extremely important as it benefits all areas of learning. We would ask that you hear your child read at home as often as possible. You can communicate with us via their reading record book (not as message book please). Please keep this safe in their book bag, which must come to school every day. Children are given the opportunity to change their reading book independently every morning as they come into school. This does take some training so please help by reminding your child to change their book by themselves. Please only change reading books 2-3 times a week, this is to help develop comprehension skills and not just word knowledge. We are teaching the children that it is okay to read a book more than once!

Homework book - This will be in your child's book bag. We hope your child has enjoyed decorating the cover with stickers or pictures from magazines of their favourite hobbies or interests. Year 1 spelling will be stuck in here fortnightly to practise. This will give your child two weeks to practise their spellings, which will link to the sounds they are learning and the Year 1 common exception words. Some weeks the children will receive 'talk homework' to help them consolidate their learning, which will be a label put onto their tops or in homework books.

As we are focusing on the basic skills, please try to help your child by practising their sounds regularly, common exceptions words (Year 1 words) and counting forward and backward in 2s, 5s and 10s.

We look forward to a fun filled year with your child on their Year 1 learning journey.

**Many thanks,
The Year 1 Team**