



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you are ready for the Autumn Term after a lovely Summer break. Our new topic is **Once Upon A Time** and we are looking forward to learning about Traditional Tales. We are planning to visit the post office and post a letter as part of our geography lessons. As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide at home and look forward to working with you to help your children progress further with their learning.

The Year 1 Team

Assistant Head of Key Stage 1: Miss Pickles

Class 1G: Miss Gamble

Class 1S: Miss Stackhouse

Other team members – Mrs Gaymer, Miss Flockton

English

This term our class will be reading a variety of books supporting their phonics. We will read fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to develop comprehension skills. In writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of genres including traditional tales. Throughout all lessons and subjects we will be developing our oracy skills, through paired and group discussion whilst increasing our use of vocabulary and grammatically accurate sentences. We will continue to encourage the use of Nelson Handwriting Style. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to read daily – either home readers or texts of their choice – and record this in their home school planner.

Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on 'Numbers to 10, part-whole within 10, addition and subtraction within 10, 2D and 3D shapes and numbers to 20. Please encourage your children to read and tell the time at home at every opportunity using an analogue clock (a clock with hands) telling the time using o'clock, half past, quarter past and a quarter to.

Homework

Daily reading is expected. Your children will have a phonics book to practice their reading skills. We also recommend reading stories to your child for pleasure. This will help develop your child's story voice when hearing adults read. We have a list of recommended reads on our website in '**Our Learning > Year 1 > Reading**'. Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge.

Children can access Numbots online to support with maths skills. Some homework may be set on Google Classroom (children will be made aware of this and tasks will be written in their planners).

Science

During this term, we will be learning about seasonal changes and everyday materials. We will be exploring hard and soft materials as well as shiny and dull materials. Children will have to opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills. We will be exploring the materials with their hands and have a whole class discussion to bring together our ideas.

PE

PE days are on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct Woodside PE kit that follows our uniform policy. Children will have lessons both indoors and outdoors. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

Computing

Throughout the year we teach online safety. This term, children will be learning how to log into the Chromebooks and navigate the trackpad. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via RMuNify.

Topic

This term, our topic is Once Upon a Time. In Geography, we will be studying map skills. In History, we will be learning about Job Garrett. In Design Technology, we will be studying mechanisms- sliders and levers to produce a moving picture. In Art, we will be learning about Sir Anthony Van Dyck developing our drawing and painting skills. In music, we will be introducing a beat and adding rhythm and pitch. In RE, we will be exploring the Christian faith and learning about Harvest Festival. In PSHE, we will be learning about Relationships – Families and Friendship, Safe Relationships and Respecting Ourselves and Others

For further details of our curriculum content, please visit the school website 'Our Learning' section

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=57>

Family Project

Have a great time over the Summer break with your family creating a project about our new learning- Relationships (PSHE)

Your Family

Can you tell us about who is in your family, or who lives with you?

You will need to include:

- The name of the people in your family.
- Who lives in your house.
- Your relationship to them (e.g. my brother, my sister, Grandma/Nan)
- One thing you love about each person.

It is your choice how you wish to present your information.

Be as creative as you like!

Ideas of how to present your project could be:

A poster

A booklet with drawings or photographs.




A model of your house with figures of your family.

(Remember to label each person!)



SUMMER WEEKLY CHALLENGES

Enjoy completing these challenges throughout summer break to help you retain your knowledge in preparation for your new school year.

w/c 31.7.23	Write out the numbers to 10 in order. Have a go at writing numbers to 20 Find these numbers around you in the local environment
7.8.23	List as many words as you can you think of with these digraphs: sh, ch, ck and th. They can be at the beginning, middle or end of the words you can think. Here are some pictures to start you off: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>
14.8.23	In Science, we will be looking at materials. Find and name 3 things each that are made from plastic, metal and wood.
21.8.23	Draw and name different shapes. Find these shapes in your local environment. What objects have squares, circles, rectangles and triangles? What about cubes, cuboids, spheres and cylinders?
28.8.23	Write about what you are most excited about for Year 1



Click on the images above to take you to the Summer Reading Challenge and Recommended Books for Reception and Year 1.

Please sign up to this year's National Summer Reading Challenge. There are lots of books freely available at local libraries and online to share with your child. How many books will you share during the six weeks holiday?

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library>

We have 50 recommended reads that have been chosen for your child's age. Some of these stories have been uploaded as videos to our school website for you to share with your child. What will be your child's favourite story this summer?

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading+and+Phonics&pid=67>