

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year! We hope you are ready for the Spring Term after a lovely break. 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.

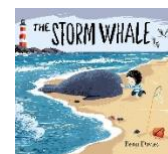
The Year 1 Team

Key Stage 1 Assistant Headteacher: Miss Pickles

Class 1G: Miss Gamble

Class 1s: Miss Stackhouse

Other team members - Miss Flockton, Mrs Gaymer



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 *The Storm* and *The Whale* by Benji Davies. 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 20 and 50, part-whole within 20, addition and subtraction within 20, length, height, mass and capacity with 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. Also begin to show them coins 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and add some amounts. These are very important everyday life skills.

Homework

Daily **reading** is expected. Your child will have a book to practise 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 Group Page > Reading](#)'. Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge. For books online please visit [Storytime Online](#). We always encourage **spellings** practice at home too, particularly the year 1 common exception words. Children will also be expected to practise **2s and 10s times tables** on [Time Tables Rockstars](#) and number facts on [Numbots](#). Class teachers will also set weekly homework tasks related to the learning for the term. 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 continue to learn about seasonal changes as we move into Springtime. We will also be learning about animals include humans. We will learn the names and functions of body parts including our senses. Children will have to opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills including grouping and classifying common animals that are fish, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

PE

PE days are on Tuesday (1S-Miss Stackhouse), Thursday (both classes) and Friday (1G-Miss Gamble). 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 animate a storybook and develop their computer science skills being Lego builders and maze explorers. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via [RMUnify](#).

Wider Curriculum Subjects

In Geography, we will be learning about the United Kingdom. In History, we will be comparing famous explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. In Design Technology, we will be looking at structures. In Art, we will be developing our colouring and painting techniques. In music, we will be learning to play the recorder. In RE, we will be exploring the Hindu faith. In PSHE, we will be learning about Living in the Wider World – Belonging to a community, media literacy and digital resilience and money and work.

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>

Spellings

Year 1 Common Exception Words

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a
do
to
today
of
said
says
are
were
was

is
his
has
I
you
your
they
be
he
me
she
we

no
go
so
by
my
here
there
where
love
come
some

one
once
ask
friend
school
put
push
pull
full
house
our