

Year 1

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023



A warm welcome to Pumpkin Class. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. The Year 1 teachers this year are Mrs Willmott (Mon-Wed) and Miss Bates (Thurs/Fri), supported by Miss Hahn. This year our value is 'Thankfulness', we will be exploring more about what this mean and how we can show it throughout each term.

This first half term is geography based, learning all about 'Where We Live' Our text leading the learning is 'On Sudden Hill' and we will be using this in order to publish our own writing at the end of term publishing party. We will be curious learners finding out about Milton Keynes and Grange Farm, exploring their senses and the human body as well as understanding why we are special. After half term, we will be learning about history in our topic: 'Toys then and Now' where we will be sequencing events, looking at toys from now and from the past and comparing them.



English

We will study the book 'On Sudden Hill' where the children will be learning lots of skills to create different sentence types.

We will have Phonics groups following the Read Write Inc. scheme of work. The phonics book they have read in class will be sent out each week with your child.

Art/Design and Technology

The Autumn term will start with 'Spirals' where we will be looking art how can we use the properties of watercolour to make experimental images. After half term we will focus on 3D structures where we will need to see if we can we build a castle for a king or queen, that is stable enough to withstand an attack.

PE Day is a Thursday— Please make sure all children come to school in their PE kit, black/grey bottoms, white top and black sweat shirt.

Home Learning

This term we would like the children to complete the following tasks each week as home learning:

Home Learning Book - Children have a home learning book which will contain maths fluency targets, weekly spellings and reading tasks. This book will come home on a Friday and will be due back in on the following Thursday.

Fluency Targets- weekly fluency worksheets— To know by heart all of the number bonds to 10,

To count in 2s

To count in 10s.

This will be sent home on Friday and tested the following Friday.

Spellings - Children will receive new spelling lists on a Friday to take home and learn. These will be tested on the following Friday.

Reading - Children should aim to read for ten minutes every day and log this in their reading diaries. This includes their phonics book read in class, a book bag phonics book linked to their current reading level and a reading for pleasure library book.

Computing/ Music

In Autumn 1 we are looking at information and technology around us where we will recognise technology in school and how to use it responsibly. In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on the nativity and songs linked to this.

Mathematics

Place Value

Addition and Subtraction

Geometry

Science

During the Autumn Term, our science focus will be on 'Me and My Body'. We will explore eating healthily, how to keep clean and how to take care of ourselves. We will then go on to look at materials and their properties.

Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development

In PSHE this half term we will be looking at healthy mind and bodies and how to stay safe online.

Religious Education

We will be exploring the question 'Is everybody special?' where we will explore different faiths and traditions and what those mean to people. We will learn this through stories of faith.

