

Important information

PE days

Swimming- Tuesday morning

Children will need

- a one-piece swimming costume or trunks
- a towel
- a swimming hat and hairbrush if necessary.



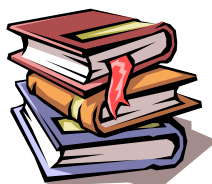
Gymnastics - Friday morning

Children will need

- spare white socks
- Black/ burgundy shorts and a burgundy or plain white t-shirt

Please also ensure that hair past the shoulders is tied up and earrings are removed.

The children will visit the library every week to change their reading book. If they finish their book sooner there will be a box for them to put their book bag in for an earlier book change.



Year 1 Sharing Assembly

Friday 16th November at 2.45 pm

We will also need volunteers to help us with our swimming every **Tuesday** morning over the next few weeks. Volunteers will need to have been CRB checked. If you are able to help, please let Miss Abineri know! Thank you.

Ways to help at home

Please continue to hear your child read for a few minutes everyday. It is important that the children are able to talk about what they have read so please ask them lots of questions to ensure that they have understood the text.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk is a fantastic website full of games to help your child practise their reading/ phonic skills. Check it out!

Year 1

Autumn Term
Curriculum Newsletter

Materials and Inventions



Exploring home,
the UK and
beyond

Autumn 2018

Welcome to Year 1!



Our first topic this term will be
Materials and Inventions

We will explore, using our senses, the materials we come across everyday and their useful properties. We will also look at some problems that have been solved by helpful inventions.

After half term the topic will be
Exploring Home, the UK and Beyond.

The children will set out to discover more about their locality and they will learn about the UK's capital cities and the typical climate in contrasting locations.

We will finish the term with a Christmas production and by learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas.

What we will be learning



English

Children will continue to participate in daily English and Phonic lessons. Our focus will be on sentence structure. We will be enjoying a range of texts including writing letters, captions and animal poems.

Science

We will be learning about materials, starting with fabrics, investigating their useful properties, and then moving on to exploring other everyday materials. We will also be learning about seasonal changes and looking out for signs of autumn and winter.

Geography

We will look at our surroundings and identify man-made and natural features in the landscape and change over time. In the second half of the term the children will set out to discover more about themselves and their locality. They will study basic maps of the school and Isleham. They will learn about the capital cities and typical climate of the UK and compare this with Arctic conditions.

PSHE

We will be learning about New Beginnings. This theme focuses on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills in four key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation.

The theme offers children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within their community and to contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for all. Throughout the theme, children explore feelings of happiness and excitement, sadness, anxiety and fearfulness, and learn shared models for 'calming down' and 'problem solving'.



Maths

Maths will be taught daily. Children will be taught a variety of skills including number, money, shape, space and measures, and include problem solving and reasoning.

Art and DT

We start the term looking at portraits by a variety of artists and practising skills and techniques creating our own. In DT our topic is Bring on Breakfast, where we will look at healthy foods and will include two cooking activities.

Music

In Music, our weekly lessons will develop children's ability to identify different sounds and to change and use sounds expressively in response to a stimulus. We will be playing instruments in different ways and making and selecting sounds to reflect the mood of a story.

History

We begin by looking at some inventions and talking about and creating simple timelines of when things happened in the past. We will include looking at the achievements of the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson. After half term we will be finding out about some incredible journeys such as that of Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake and Shackleton.

PE

The children will swim every week whilst the weather is still fine. They will also be taking part in a range of sporting activities during gymnastics.

RE

We will be looking at some bible stories and thinking about what Christians believe God is like. We will also look at the celebrations of Harvest Festival and Christmas.