

## This Term's PE Lessons

### Swimming

Children will need

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



### Athletics

This will take place outdoors providing the weather is dry.

Children will need

- outdoor trainers (with Velcro fastenings if possible)
- spare socks
- Black/ burgundy shorts
- Burgundy with logo t-shirt or white plain t-shirt
- a warm dark coloured jumper/ jogging bottoms in case it is chilly.

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

**PE Kit should be in school all week please.**

**Swimming day: Autumn 1- Tuesday**

### Resources Request

Previously, Year 1 children have really enjoyed junk modelling for their activity during golden time. If possible please collect small boxes and clean plastic or pots for the children's creations.

Thank you for your support. **Our class assembly will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 2.45pm**

## Seasonal Woodland Visits

In Year 1 we will visit the woods for seasonal walks. The dates will be confirmed and dependent on the weather and the availability of parent helpers volunteering to accompany us.

### Reading 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. Children will visit the library weekly and will be able to choose a book to read for pleasure to share with you at home too.

### Spellings

Once we are settled in, spellings will be sent home weekly for children to practice. They will be provided with a 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' practice sheet. This is one way for them to practice their spellings but if you would prefer to use another strategy at home, ideas will be included in their Home Learning Books. They will also have the opportunity to practice their words in school before our weekly progress check.

Visit [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) to play games regularly as this is a fantastic website to help your child practise their reading/ phonic skills.

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Our topics are  
**Incredible  
Inventors**



**Exciting  
Explorers**



Autumn 2019

# What we will be learning about



Our first topic this term will be **Incredible Inventors**. This topic will include our Geography, History, Science and Design Technology learning and will link to our writing.

**Science:** We will be exploring materials and finding out about their properties. We will investigate the best materials for making umbrellas and houses.

**Geography:** We will be exploring the school, using directions to find our way around and mapping the things we find and the materials they are made from.

**History:** We will look at what an invention is and how some inventions changed our daily lives. We will look at some exciting significant people and their inventions.

**English:** We will be writing descriptions of things we would like to invent, writing lists of materials we need, writing factually about historical inventors and retelling a traditional tale all about materials.

**Design and Technology:** We will be exploring healthy breakfasts and testing ingredients to design a breakfast product. We will practice skills in peeling, chopping and mixing to create breakfast pots and then evaluate our creations.

**English:** Children will participate in a daily reading or handwriting activity. We will be working on phonics in groups with the focus being on decodable sounds, tricky words and applying our phonics to reading and writing. Our writing is topic based and will include creative writing and grammar in the context of our current topic and focus writing style.

**Maths:** This term we have blocks on number sense and place value to 20, addition and subtraction and 2D and 3D shapes. These will be approached practically and then through pictorial representations. We will introduce fluency tasks and problem solving verbally throughout the term.

**RE:** We will be looking at Bible stories and what Christians believe God is like. We will be learning about the celebrations of weddings, Harvest Festival and Christmas.

**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 our ideas.

**Art:** We start the term looking at portraits by a variety of artists and practising skills and techniques creating our own.

**PSHE:** We will be learning about New Beginnings, offering the opportunity for the children to see themselves as valued individuals within their community and to contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for all.

Our second topic will be **Exciting Explorers**. This will include our Geography, History and Science learning and give us plenty to write about.

**Science:** We will look at the seasonal changes in Autumn and Winter, investigating how to measure and record the weather and thinking about day length. We will find out what it would be like for explorers to live in extreme winter conditions.

**History:** We will find out about some famous female pilots, space travel and Polar explorers. We will be thinking about their transport and equipment.

**Geography:** We will be looking at the globe and locate the continents and oceans. We will find out about compass directions and consider the climates near to and far from the equator.

**English:** We will be writing in a variety of styles over the term including comparing two explorers, writing newspaper reports for the moon landing, space poems and retelling a tale of exploring animals.