

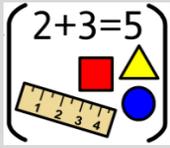


Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share with you the content of the Year One curriculum for this half term. We hope that this gives you a clear insight into your child's learning and what is going on in school.

	<p>The children are following the RWI (Read Write Inc Phonics) program. They will learn to read and blend together sounds to form words. Alongside this, they will learn to read 'red' words, which are tricky words that the children cannot decode and blend and therefore, need to learn through sight.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Reading</p>	<p>The children will be grouped, depending on their reading level, and will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts that match this.</p>
	<p>They will bring photocopies of each text home when they have finished reading it in school.</p>
	<p>As the children will be sitting the Phonics Screening Check in June, the children will practise reading 'alien' words daily. These words are decodable nonsense words that support the children when reading unfamiliar words in texts.</p>

	<p>Our Writing for this half term is based around our History unit of People who changed the World.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Writing</p>	<p>Biography Children will learn about the features of a biography. Such as: writing in the third person, using proper nouns, using facts and rhetorical questions.</p>
	<p>Informal Letter Writing Children will learn about the structure and layout of a letter and apply this to write their own letter.</p>
	<p>Grammar We will continue to build on and expand the children's knowledge of grammar this term, by learning about: nouns, verbs, adjectives, question marks, exclamation marks and proper nouns.</p>
	<p>Spellings Spellings will be taught every Monday. They will be tested in class on Friday. Daily spelling practice at home is set for every child.</p>



Maths

This half term for Maths, the children will build on their prior knowledge and learn about time. Below is a breakdown of exactly what they will learn.

Time

Children will learn to

- Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour
- Draws the hands on a clock face to show these times
- Sequence daily activities

Calculation strategies within 20

Children will learn to

- Model, explain and choose addition and subtraction strategies
- Solve word problems

Numbers to 50

Children will learn to

- Represent, sequence, explore and compare 2 digit numbers within 50
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s

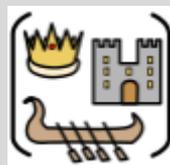


Science

Our Science unit for this half term is Materials

The children will learn the following:

- Identify and name different materials
- Identify the difference between an object and a material
- Describe the simple properties of materials
- Compare and group materials based on their properties
- To carry an experiment to find out the best material for an umbrella
- To investigate the quickest way to melt an ice-cube
- About the scientist Charles Macintosh, who invented the rain coat



History

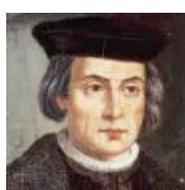
Over the Spring Term, children will learn about People Who Changed the World

They will learn the following knowledge:

- Who Elizabeth 1 was and about the Golden Age
- Who Christopher Columbus was and that he did not discover America
- How Rosa Parkes helped to change the law
- Why Mary Seacole should be and is remembered

They will also further develop their historical skills and be able to:

- Comment on how these people fit into their understanding of chronology





Geography

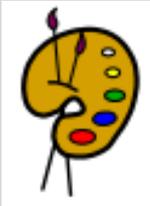
Our Geography unit for this half term is Settlements and our Local Area.

The children will learn the following knowledge:

- An urban area has lots of people living there
- Towns, cities and suburbs are all urban areas
- A rural area has fewer people living there
- Rural areas include the countryside and villages
- Their county, neighbourhood, town and local area

They will also further develop their geographical skills and be able to:

- Identify the purpose of a symbol on a map
- Use locational terms to describe their position in relation to their local area



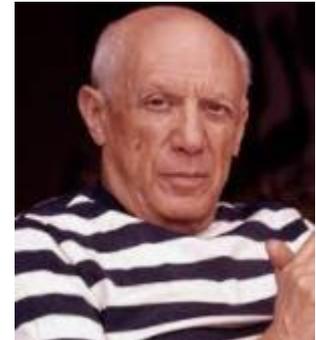
Art

In Art this term, children will learn about the artist Pablo Picasso

They will learn the skills of

- using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- how to produce abstract art

At the end of their learning, they will have produced a piece of Picasso inspired abstract art.



Computing

Our Computing unit for this half term is Lego builders and Maze Explorers

The children will learn the following:

- To follow and create simple instructions on a computer
- To understand the direct keys
- Create an algorithm to complete a maze



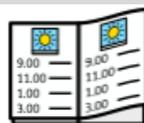
 <p style="text-align: center;">RE</p>	<p>In Religious Education this term, children will learn about the key theme of remembering through exploring how Hindus celebrate the Holi festival.</p> <p>Children will learn to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - describe, in simple terms, what remembering means - describe ways in which Hindus remember - evaluate the importance of remembering by describing how Hindus value the celebrations and devotions paid to Vishnu - describe, in simple terms, ways in which they remember events or people - identify examples of situations when remembering is important to themselves or others. 
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 <p style="text-align: center;">RSHE</p>	<p>In Relationship, Health and Social Education this term, children will learn the following: Keeping Myself Safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to keep healthy - The importance of sleep - Who can help us - Good or bad touches - Sharing pictures <p>For more about our RSHE policy, please click on the link below:</p> <p>https://arkayrtonprimary.org/our-policies</p> <p>Here you will also find our SCARF scheme of work.</p>
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 <p style="text-align: center;">Homework and Remote learning</p>	<p>The following homework will be set each week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spelling - Maths - Home reading <p>It is really important that your child completes their home work, as it will consolidate the learning they have completed in school. As part of our remote learning policy, we will also set links to new learning, so that your child has a basic knowledge before we teach it in depth.</p>
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 <p>P.E</p>	<p>This half term, your child will be learning: The skills of football and balancing</p> <p>Children will learn to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dribble, pass, kick, change direction using a football <p>Children will learn to develop the cognitive skills to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Form a static balance - Form a dynamic balance
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 <p>National Online Safety Award</p>	<p>As part of our Safeguarding and keeping children safe whilst online, we have signed up to the National Online Safety Award.</p> <p>There are lots of courses for parents and advise on how you can set filters and help to keep your children safe online too. We will be sharing these documents with you over the course of the year. Alongside this, we are also introducing Digital Leaders this year in Year One. This will really help us to raise awareness amongst children with staying safe online. Futher information will follow this half term.</p>
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 <p>Diary Dates</p>	<p>Friday 11th February – INSET Day Friday 21st January – ‘Come as your future self’ day Friday 18th February – Break up for half term</p>
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We hope that you found this newsletter helpful. Further information on our curriculum can be found on our website. Please follow our Facebook page (Ark Ayrton) for updates on our learning. Please contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Miss Sullivan and Miss Burnham