

Useful dates to know

Year Group only Dates

12th October 2017 – Phonics sessions for Y1 parents (8.45am and 2.30pm)

11th October 2017 – Dental checks

18th October 2017 – Visit to Framlingham Castle

24th November 2016 – Open morning

14th December 2016 – Nativity (1.45pm)

15th December 2016 – Nativity (9.00am)

Generic Dates

11th September 2016 – Individual photographs

11th October 2016 – Parents evening

12th October 2016 – Parents evening

8th December 2016 – Effort and Attainment grades

Reading and Homework

Reading

- As part of our reading programme, your child is expected to read at least 3 times a week. We will complete the reading count on Wednesdays. We encourage children to read 70 times or more in a term to be able to win a special prize!
- To help your child we will be running a Monday lunchtime reading club and attending this can be counted towards their 3 reads.
- For those children who do not reach 3 reads a week they will be asked to attend the Thursday reading club.

Homework

- Weekly spellings are also given to children, these will be stuck into their reading diary on Tuesday and tested on the following Tuesday. The spellings are usually linked to the phonic sounds in class but please also regularly practise these at home with your child.

Final Message

We have been really impressed with how the children have settled into Year One this week. It is a big transition from Reception and the children have coped exceptionally well so far. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children over the coming year. Please always come and speak to us with any questions you may have but also anything you are particularly proud of so we can celebrate it too.

Just a little reminder about PE kit, it should comprise of a white tee shirt, dark blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. For Games in the winter months, they will require a comfortable track suit as this will take place outside. Girls may also require socks if they are wearing tights. As always long hair, below shoulder length, should be tied back and earrings should be removed.



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Curriculum Booklet

2017/2018 | Autumn Term



Year 1

Mr Lake, Miss Johnson and Mrs Bassett

"Proud to do our best"



English (Phonics, Reading, Writing, and Grammar)

The children start their year by reading a familiar story - The Three Little Pigs. Through this, they will begin to develop their use of adjectives to describe characters and feelings, and begin to write longer sentences using the conjunction 'and'. We will then begin looking at the features of non-fiction texts through the book 'Castles'. We will use this to write our own non-fiction text on Framlingham Castle. Finally, we will look at 'Town Mouse Country Mouse' before half term, using adjectives and our senses to describe different setting. During the next half term our books reflect our theme - Celebrations. We start by learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali and how other cultures celebrate, this is through the book 'Lighting a Lamp'. We then continue the theme and go on to read 'Kipper's Birthday'. Through this we learn how to write an invitation. Finally, in the lead up to Christmas, we will use the text 'Harry the Christmas Mouse' to write our own Christmas story.

Throughout the term we will be continuing to reinforce the **phonics** the children have learnt during their Reception year. We will be introducing more sounds for them to learn during their daily phonics session. As the term progresses we will be introducing weekly **spellings** for the children to learn.

Each day the children will take part in a **Guided Reading** session, with each group completing a different independent reading activity or reading with an adult.

Homework for Year 1 children is daily reading with an adult and learning their weekly spellings.



Maths

The children will begin by focusing on ordering numbers to 10 and 20, making sure we understand and can use these numbers. This will then be extended by looking at concepts such as more and less, adding and subtracting with numbers up to 20. When writing calculations we will be using +, - and = symbols to show what we have been working out. To help us with our calculating we will be using Numicon, cubes, number lines and hundred squares. We will begin to use our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve simple word problems and stories. As we go through the term we will be looking at counting in twos, fives and tens. As part of our on-going number bond work we will begin by looking at the different ways we can partition 5 and 10 into pairs of numbers.



Science

Our first topic is 'Treasure Island' where we have the chance to build a shelter after we have explored the properties of different materials. Once we have looked at different materials we will be designing, building and testing a shelter for humans. We will be learning about fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals when we are thinking about the different kinds of animals that might have been found living in a castle. We will be learning about the similarities and differences between the varieties of animals.

After half term our topic will change to 'Celebrations'. During this topic we will focus on plants, especially fruit and vegetables. We will be looking at where they come from, talking about the parts of plants and their function, as well as having the chance to show off our culinary skills. We will also be testing the best materials to make a stained glass window.

This term we will also learn about the seasons, especially Autumn. We will be looking at what happens to plants and animals during this season, as well as observing the weather we experience during Autumn.



Topics

During the first half term our topic is 'Through the Castle Keyhole'. We will be learning about the Battle of Hastings and about life in a Medieval Castle. Our trip to Framlingham Castle will also give us the opportunity to experience a castle in our own locality.

After the half term our topic is 'Celebrations'. Through this we will learn about the stories and events behind Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.



Computing

Crazy Character Algorithms: During the Autumn term the children will be learning about algorithms and how they are part of our everyday life, before writing and developing their own algorithm. After this they will investigate **new technologies** beyond school.
Beebot Tinkering: Using their knowledge of algorithms the children will write a set of instructions for a programmable toy, a Beebot.



PE

During the first half term the children will have a Gym session on a **Monday afternoon** and a Games lesson on a **Tuesday morning**. We will be learning and refining 'Invasion games' skills such as throwing and catching accurately. They will also take part in gymnastic lessons focusing on balancing on points and patches. After October half term the children will be swimming each week on a **Monday afternoon**. So that your child is able to fully take part in these sessions, please could you ensure that they have their P.E kit in school at all times.



Art

Through Art and Design we will be drawing the different houses from The Three Little Pigs using thick and thin lines.

We will be using paints to mix primary colours to form secondary colours and use these to create different tones and shades. We will use our knowledge to paint a picture of a castle.



Music

The children will cover two units during the course of this term. The first will be Hey You! Hey You! Is written in an old school hip hop style for children to learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form. During the second half of the term the children will be learning the music and songs for the Christmas production.



RE/PSHE

We will have five RE days during the course of the year. We look at Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Sikhism. During this term we will be focusing on Hinduism and Diwali. At the end of the term we will be celebrating the Christian Nativity story.

The theme for each focuses on: believing, stories and celebrations.



Design & Technology

The children will be learning to make and strengthen different joins in materials when they make their own model castle. They will also use some moving parts in their construction.

As part of our Food Technology they will make a 'Fruit firework'. They will chop and arrange different healthy fruits.

