

Curriculum Overview for Year 1

English

- As writers, we will be learning about basic sentence structures and how to write a sentence correctly. This term we will be studying information texts to make our own class book about our favourite dinosaurs. We will also be reading and writing stories with familiar settings.
- During handwriting sessions we will be learning how to form our letters correctly, ready for cursive handwriting. Details of the Letter Join scheme which we will be using, can be found overleaf.
- As sound detectives, we will be revising Phase 3 sounds before moving onto trickier Phase 4 sounds. This has a vital impact on children's reading so please be sure to listen to your child read everyday.

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As designers, we will be designing and building a dinosaur enclosure. We will be testing our designs and working on ways to improve them.



Computing

As technologists, we will be starting to use the iPads across the curriculum before starting our coding module using Espresso and the Blue Bots.



Mathematics

- As mathematicians we will be learning about place value, early multiplication and division, and addition and subtraction. Our number bonds will continue to play a large role throughout the year so we will continue practicing them.
- In other areas of maths, we will be investigating position and direction, fractions, and money. It would be useful for the children to have access to coins at home as many children struggle to understand the values of each coin.
- It is very important that the children form their numbers correctly so please practice these with your children if they are struggling.



Music

As musicians, we will be learning about pulse and rhythm. Music will be taught by Mrs Hutchings on a Wednesday afternoon.

Science

As scientists we will be learning all about Plants. This term we will be focussing on the names of common flowers and trees. We will also be learning about the seasonal changes taking place around us at this time of year.

History

As historians, we will be learning about events from the past. We will start to understand that life was not always this way and begin to make comparisons to modern life. We will also be learning about the timeline of dinosaurs and the events that lead to their demise.

Physical Education

As dancers, we will be using controlled body movements to create a dance based on the movements of dinosaurs. We will then begin practicing our dance routines for Christmas. As competitors we will be practising our throwing and catching skills by applying this in a series of different games.

Religious Education

This term we will be learning about books and stories in Christianity and exploring how people from other faiths practise their beliefs.

Important Dates

PE will take place on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please make sure that full PE kits are in school and jewellery is removed if the children are unable to do so themselves.

Forest school will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and has suitable footwear in school.

Group 1 – 31st Oct, 14th, 28th Nov, 12th Dec

Group 2 – 7th, 21st Nov, 5th Dec

Homework

The children be completing a 'Learning Journal' as part of their homework. Please see the homework stuck in for further details and ideas. Spellings will also be set as part of homework and will be tested on Thursdays.

Reading is expected to take place every day at home. Please make a record of your child's reading in their red reading journal. As well as listening to their word decoding and fluency, check your child's understanding of what has been read by asking them questions about the text.

Homework will be set on Fridays for completion by the following Thursday. Please support your child with their work as speaking and listening activities will be regularly set, especially in the area of phonics.

Useful Websites:

Phonics

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

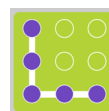
http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-phonics-phases>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwJx1NSineE>

Handwriting

<http://www.letterjoin.co.uk> - Username: kings Password: cliffe



If using a tablet, use the same username and then this pattern

The school is also subscribed to Espresso education which is full of child friendly resources. This can be accessed at www.discoveryeducation.co.uk

Username – student3201

Password: kings1

If you have any questions or comments, please speak to me in the playground on Thursday mornings, or you can write a note in the reading diary. If you wish to discuss an issue in more depth, please do not hesitate to make an appointment via the office.

Miss Boyers

