

# Curriculum Overview for Year 1

## English

- As writers, we will be learning about basic sentence structures and how to write a sentence correctly. We will start by looking at labels, lists and captions before moving onto visual poems and information texts.
- 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.

## Art & Design

As artists Year 1 will be taking part in a Space Craft workshop this term. We will be making planets, astronauts, rockets and dyeing using shaving foam. Keep an eye out for our activity video on the website!

## Computing

As technologists, we will practise logging on to the computers and using the LearnPads to support our learning across the curriculum.

## Mathematics

- As mathematicians we will be learning to accurately and quickly count forwards and backwards to/from 50. We will also be using our number bonds to 10 to help us with further addition and subtraction problems.
  - In other areas of maths, we will be investigating properties of shapes and length and height.
  - It would be useful for the children to have access to a ruler to practise at home.
- One of the trickiest Year 1 maths objectives is to recognise and understand the value of coins. It would be very useful if children were given the opportunity to familiarise themselves with coins and their values and appearances.



## Music

As musicians, we will be learning about pulse and rhythm. We will also begin using ocarinas! Music will be taught by Mrs Hutchings this term.

## Science

As scientists we will be learning all about forces and everyday materials. This will link to our DT learning during our Space Craft day. We will also be learning about the autumnal changes taking place around us.

## Geography

As geographers, we will be learning about our local area. This includes the school grounds, the village of Kings Cliffe and more background knowledge on our country and county.



## Physical Education

As competitors we will be practising our throwing and catching skills by applying this in a series of different games. As dancers, we will be using controlled body movements in a dance inspired by the planets.

## 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. Children must wear leggings or joggers that can get dirty. Children must have a pair of wellington boots in school for these sessions.

Group 1 – 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> October

Group 2 – 20<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October

### Homework

The children be completing a 'Learning Journal' as part of their homework. They will be asked to demonstrate their learning from English, maths and phonics or topic sessions that week, and they may choose their own way of doing so. Please see the homework stuck in for further details and ideas. Spellings will also be set as part of homework.

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>

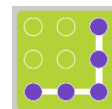
[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwJx1NSineE>

#### Handwriting

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



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

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

