

Welcome to Year 1! We hope the following information will be useful.

## English

This term we will be looking at a range of stories, exploring characters and settings, as well as sequencing events. We will focus on using capital letters to begin sentences and full stops at the end. We will be studying poetry linked to our topics and will look at rhyming patterns. We will revise phase 2 and 3 sounds in daily phonics sessions and after half term will introduce phase 5. Children may visit other classes for their phonics sessions to ensure they are working at a pace appropriate to their current stage of learning. We will practise handwriting regularly, please encourage children to form letters correctly when writing at home.

## Maths

This term the focus will be on ordering and using numbers to 20, with a strong emphasis on bonds to 10 and then onto 20. This will include counting, adding and subtracting with objects and then developing confidence in recording calculations. The children will practise counting on and back, counting in tens, and they will work on the concept of one more and less to 20. Other maths topics for this term are length, time, direction and 2D shapes. The children will be using their maths skills in a practical context everyday within our learning environment.



## Science



The children will be investigating animals and their needs. They will be sorting and classifying animals and consider their natural habitats. They will also focus on the topic 'Materials', exploring the properties of different materials and investigating the best material for different purposes.

## Computing

The children will continue to learn basic skills, such as using the mouse, selecting items, typing simple words and matching labels to pictures. They will use a range of programs to support their learning in all areas of the curriculum and will learn to find images using a simple search engine. As part of this we will be learning about keeping safe online.



## Music

The children will explore a range of percussion instruments and develop their confidence distinguishing between the different sounds they make. They will also learn a variety of new songs linked to their topics.

## PE

The children will respond to music through dance and develop an awareness of rhythm and space. They will focus on developing motor skills through the use of a variety of equipment and will participate in team games that will enable them to work cooperatively in small groups.



## RE

The first half term we will develop our familiarity and understanding of The Lord's Prayer. The second half of the term will focus on the importance of Christmas. We will explore different themes through whole school festivals, such as Harvest and link these to the school values, including; thankfulness, peace and compassion.



## Geography/History

This work will be closely linked to our topic on the local area. The children will look at famous buildings in Teddington, as well as considering how the area has changed over time. They will also gain an increased understanding of the United Kingdom and use atlases to develop their map skills.

## Art and D&T



The children will work with a variety of media and use colour mixing, patterns and collage to create art work. They will work with pastels, sketch portraits and express opinions about various artists' work. Many Art and D&T activities will be linked to our topics, for example creating a tactile material book and designing a home for a pet.

## General Information

### TRANSITION FROM RECEPTION

Our Year One classrooms are set up in a similar style to the Reception classrooms. At the beginning of each session there will be a focused input from the teacher. Following that the children will self-select from a range of resources to support their learning, work in focus groups with a teacher/teaching assistant or complete set tasks linked to our learning objectives.

### PE KITS

PE kits should remain in school all week. Please make sure children's PE kits are named and check regularly that plimsolls still fit. During the colder winter months, we would appreciate it if you could supply a pair of dark tracksuit bottoms for outside PE. Please encourage your children to put on their own shoes and socks as this can be a time-consuming task when helping 30 children! Thank you.

### READING BOOKS AND DIARIES

Your child will read fortnightly with a teacher or teaching assistant. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary into school every day.

### HOMEWORK

Please prioritise reading at home with your child as much as you can. Later in the term we will be sending home phonics books to be completed weekly. On occasion, we may also ask the children to complete topic-specific home learning tasks.

### BITS AND PIECES

We would greatly appreciate it if you could provide your child with a glue-stick and a box of tissues to aid classroom management. We are also constantly in need of any 'junk modelling' materials and are always grateful for any donations. There will shortly be containers for these in the Year One outside area.

We thank you for your support and look forward to a happy and successful year. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Kind Regards,