

## Topics this term are :

- Our bodies/Senses
- Celebrations



## Other curriculum areas:

### History

- Remembrance Day



### R.E

- Awe and wonder in the natural world
- Multi faith harvest festivals with a focus on Sukkot
- The Christmas Story
- Festivals and celebrations



### Art

- Colour mixing
- Observational drawing



### D & T

Musical instruments  
Christmas decorations/cookies



### Music

- Exploring pitch, tone, volume, rhythm and beat
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### Computing

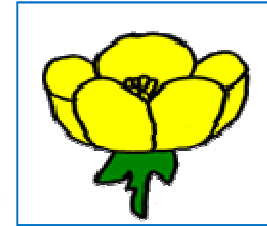
- Understanding and writing simple algorithms
- Programming electronic devices
- Word processing and using iPads and PCs responsibly



### P.E

- Games skills and Gymnastics

# Welcome to Year 1



Field Maple

Willow



### Year One Curriculum

Now that the children are entering Key Stage One, they will learn from the framework of the KS1 National Curriculum. Within this structure there are exciting opportunities for creative topic-based learning.



### Helpful things to remember

- PE kit (named)
- Book bags with children's reading books
- Homework (in pencil please)
- Weather appropriate clothing





## Reading

In Year One children will bring home reading books to share with you. These books will be changed with their class teacher on a weekly basis. Please try to read a little with your children each day and sign / comment in the Reading Contact Book. The more often they read the quicker they will gain confidence. Children will also be entered into our reading raffle if they read three (or more) times a week!! Reading For Pleasure books will also come home with your children. These are independently chosen and changed by your child once they have read and returned their previous one.

## Writing

In Year One the children are beginning to understand what constitutes a good sentence and to build their stamina for independent writing. A key aspect of this is to hold and rehearse a sentence verbally before writing it.

We will encourage the children to use a range of punctuation and to think about using interesting nouns, verbs, adjectives, time words and conjunctions.

At home you can support your child by giving them opportunities to write for practical purposes e.g. shopping lists, invitations, thank you letters, short stories etc...

Kit Cat and Biscuit Bear will be sent home weekly to write, as they choose, in the diary about their time

## Handwriting

In Year One we will practise letter formation using the Read-Write-inc dittes (eg-*a- 'round the apple and down the leaf'* ) We will practise individual numbers, letters and simple word writing too.



## Science

In Year One the children will be working scientifically to learn about their bodies. We will also be looking at the local environment and how this is affected by seasonal change. We observe, investigate, explore and record data and change throughout the year. We have four 'Seasonal Change' days during the year, more information will follow on this.

You can help your child by helping them to recognise and name indigenous birds, animals, plants and trees.

## Phonics

Children will continue with daily group phonics which includes a variety of learning tasks, activities and games. Your child will also receive weekly sounds to learn and a spellings sheet to practise at home for a Monday spelling quiz.

## Maths

Work in number and calculation will continue to build children's confidence. They will be expected to recognize mathematical symbols and understand simple addition and subtraction number sentences. They will build up their fact knowledge of numbers bonds and doubles and will investigate place value and odd and even numbers.

As well as number work children will be comparing, describing, estimating and measuring length, time, mass and capacity, learning to name and describe 2D and 3D shapes and describe position and direction. Children will also learn to recognize and use money within calculation.

Children will be encouraged to solve problems independently in a variety of ways and to find ways which suit them best (eg using cubes/fingers for addition or counting back on a number line for subtraction)



Any practical experiences of measuring mass, telling the time and using money they can have, outside school, will hugely benefit their understanding of this.

## Big Maths

A weekly 'Learn-It' sheet will come home with your child's latest scores on. This is purely for you to know how to help your child improve and should not be shared with others.

