



Faith, Love, Courage, Patience.

Curriculum Information - Class 1 Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

This letter contains the information about the curriculum the children will be studying this Autumn. This term, our topic is Wareside. We try to link all of the curriculum areas to this topic where possible.

English:

We begin the term using stories with predictable phrasing, sharing enticing books that the children can join in with such as *A Dark, Dark Tale* by Ruth Brown. We use drama to help inspire the children and enable them to fuel their imaginations before writing their own versions. Report writing will follow the trip to Church Farm and we will introduce the children to rhyming couplets in poetry. Sentence structure, punctuation and grammar are taught both within the context of writing and focused grammar lessons. However, we are keen to keep the children motivated so endeavour to keep the learning engaging.

Maths:

In Maths the children will continue to develop their mental and written methods in line with Wareside's Calculation Policy. As a class we will be focussing on mental fluency within mathematics. Research has found that children who are fluent in mathematics from an earlier age are more likely to succeed in the subject. We will be focussing on number, shape, space and measure as well as solving problems in all of these areas.

Topic:

This term the topic is Wareside. We will learn about the geography of our village and the local area. We will think about the place our school has in the community and what it means to each of us. We will learn about the history of the school and an ex pupil will visit to tell the children about his fond memories. Curriculum links with art include the study of Henry Moore, the famous sculptor, who set up his studio at Perry Green, which we hope to visit too.

Science:

This term we are studying Plants and will be looking at how a seed germinates as well as exploring how a plant grows from a bulb. Our Autumn nature walk will allow us to collect various items that have fallen to the ground from the trees. Each season we will complete a nature walk to compare the different seasons. The children will carry out a variety of investigations learning how to record their observations.

PE:

PE will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Weather permitting, both of these lessons will take place outside. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit. They need a school PE t-shirt, blue PE shorts, tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt. They also need trainers for outdoor PE. Monday's PE lessons will be Dance and



Gymnastics. Thursday's PE lesson will be Multi Sports Activities and Games. We are lucky to have some lessons from a Specialist PE leader in preparation for a Multi-sports afternoon at Wodson Park.

Religious Education:

We will be thinking about what it looks like to be thankful in different religions. We look at festivals of thankfulness, including Harvest. We will learn about the symbolism of Light and focus on Diwali and Christmas.

PSHE:

In PSHE Class 1's first topic will be 'Relationships'. This topic will look at children exploring relationships they have with people and how we can improve these. It will cover respect and understanding of other people. The second half-term will be about 'Growth Mindset' and how the children can become better learners.

Homework:

The children will be given spellings every Friday. They will be tested on their spellings on the following Friday. The children will also be set a piece of creative homework based on our topic alongside whole school creative homework. This will be approximately a piece each half-term.

Class Helpers:

If you have a special skill or talent which you feel may be beneficial to the children, or if you are willing to give up any of your time to help with readers etc., please contact the office to arrange a time which is mutually convenient. We are always grateful for any help.

Finally, if you have any concerns regarding your child or about any of the subjects that are being taught please feel free to make an appointment to see us through Mrs Duffy.

Important Dates

Monday 2nd Oct 2017 - Multi-skills Festival at Wodson Park
Thursday 5th Oct 2017 - Provisionally date for school trip to Church Farm
Sunday 9th Oct 2017 - Harvest festival service at Church
Tuesday 10th October 2017 - Creative homework due in
Thursday 12th October 2017 - Open classroom
Wednesday Oct 18th visit to Henry Moore Foundation - tbc
Friday 8th December - Pantomime - tbc
Wednesday 13th December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance

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We are looking forward to a busy but fun term.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

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Class 1 Teachers

