

THE YEAR 1 TEAM

- Eagle Class: Miss Shah (Monday to Wednesday)
Miss Faredi (Thursday and Friday)
- Owl Class: Mrs Dahale
- Stag Class: Mrs Manoj
- Rabbit Class: Mrs Kara - Kerai

THEMATIC CURRICULUM

- Teaching and learning in Year 1 will follow a thematic approach.
- This means that many areas of the curriculum are connected and integrated within a theme.
- Some lessons, however, e.g. maths, need to be taught discreetly.

Autumn Term

- The theme for the Autumn Term is **'Animals'**.

Spring Term

- The theme for the Spring Term is **'Out of the Ordinary'**.

Summer Term

- The theme for the Summer Term is **'Enchanted World'**.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING:

- Listening to your child read can take many forms.
- First and foremost, focus on developing an enjoyment and love of reading.
- Enjoy stories together - reading stories to your child at KS1 and KS2 is equally as important as listening to your child read.
- Talk about the story before, during and afterwards - discuss the plot, the characters, their feelings and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have their own opinions.
- Look up definitions of words together and use a thesaurus.
- All reading is valuable - it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes, TV guides etc.
- Visit the local library - it's free!



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING:

- Practise and learn weekly spelling lists - make it fun!
- Encourage opportunities for writing such as letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes or reminders, stories or poems.
- Write together - be a good role model for writing.
- Allow your child to use a computer for word processing, which will allow for editing and correcting of errors without lots of crossing out.
- Remember that good readers become good writers! Identify good writing features when reading (e.g. vocabulary, sentence structure, punctuation).
- Show your appreciation: praise and encourage, even for small successes!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year 1 P.E curriculum :

- Attack defend shoot
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Hit Catch Run
- Run Jump Throw
- Send and Return
- **P.E. kits and plimsolls or trainers to be worn on PE days.**
- P.E. is taught as part of the Creative Curriculum and one lesson on **Monday.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Learning about the beliefs and customs of ourselves and others.
- Looking at the similarities and differences within different faith communities.
- We promote attitudes such as respect and fairness.
- We explore topics such as identity and religious symbols, souls and human identity and celebrating birth ceremonies in different faiths.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

During the day, children do lessons in:

- Drama with Mr Miller
- Computing with Mrs Vadher
- P.E. with Mr Patel
- Music with Miss Nyandoro
- Library with Mrs Taylor

WORK AT HOME

- Homework will be given out weekly.
- Spelling words every week (spelling tests).
- A guided reader will be in your child's book bag for them to read to/with you. Please keep them in the zippy wallet provided and bring to school daily.
- Children will choose a book from the library/class book corner to read.
- Talk to your children at home about their day.

HEALTH/MEDICAL ISSUES

- There are many staff who are first aid trained.
- See the First Aider regarding medication that your child needs to take.
- Only small stud earrings: no hoops or dangly earrings are allowed or other jewellery.
- Sickness and diarrhoea - children need to be kept at home for 48 hours.

THINGS TO NOTE

- Concerns - see your class teacher or Mr Miller.
- Empty book bags regularly.
- Make sure your child has a water bottle in school.
- Attendance and punctuality are very important.
- Make sure children have breakfast as being hungry affects concentration.
- School Dinners/Packed Lunches - the office staff need 1 week's notice to make any changes.
- All items of clothing need to be labelled with your child's name.

P.S.H.E.

Being me in my World Celebrating Differences Healthy Me Dreams and Goals

- Yoga
- Meditation
- Circle time
- Calming music
- Quiet time

SCHOOLPING

- If you are not already on the SchoolPing, please sign up so that you can receive messages on your phones and paper letters don't need to be sent out.
- If you are not sure how to log on, please ask office staff for assistance.