

**Year R/1/2 Curriculum  
Newsletter  
Autumn Term 1**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please have a look over our class curriculum as we start the new academic year with our new team ...

**English:**

This term, the children will look at 'Grace and Family' by Mary Hoffman, and also 'Ocean Star Express' by Mark Haddon/Peter Sutton. Initially, they will be writing about what it is like where we live, practicing and using all the technical skills involved (clear letter formation, sentences, spaces, punctuation, etc) play scripts and writing character descriptions. They will develop their spelling and grammar skills across the curriculum, using their increasing phonic knowledge.

**Mathematics:**

We will begin by exploring place value using numbers up to 100. Year R will be exploring making numbers using a range of manipulatives including Numicon. Once secure, children will use their knowledge for addition and subtraction, including with money.

**Science:**

This term the children will identify, compare and classify different animals, as well as human body parts and senses. We will record the weather each day, thinking about the type of weathers expected with each season, and noticing how the day length varies.

**Theme:**

'Theme' sessions incorporate the stand alone subjects of Art, DT, Music, History and Geography and our theme this term is **'What is it Like to Live Here?'**. In these sessions, the children will learn the 4 UK countries with their capital cities, extending to know the 7 continents (and oceans). They will describe where they live using geographical terms, and notice differences between places.

**PE & Games:**

PE is now taught by both outside agencies and the Ladybirds staff. This term, the children will be introduced to gymnastics on Mondays by Team Theme.

**RE:**

Our big question is **'What do Christians believe God is like?'** Children will think of ways in which Christians show their belief in God as loving and forgiving, and how might put their belief into practice.

**Computing:**

This term the children will be learning about algorithms and using the Beebots to practice this skill.

**Phonics:**

This is taught in groups according to current knowledge. Year R will use songs and practical activities to develop knowledge.

If you have any questions at all, please drop in and ask!

**Kind regards,  
Mrs Lee**

**Our PE day is Monday for this term, but is likely to change for following terms. Please ensure a named PE kit is in school at all times. Please make sure all uniform is named. Homework will be given out on Fridays to be completed and handed in on Wednesdays. Please hear your child read as regularly as possible and ensure that you record this in their reading record, as this will mean they gain housepoints. Please help your child learn their spellings and times tables each week also.**