

Week beginning: 7th September 2020

Curriculum Update

Year 1

This month's values: Care and Awareness

Hello all!

Welcome back everyone! I hope this update finds you all well and you have all had a lovely Summer despite the circumstances. Firstly, I would just like to say a huge thank you for all your patience as we entered and exited school last week. Hopefully, as I begin to recognise your faces, when handing your children over at the end of the day, it will begin to speed up when going home. In this update, I will be sharing with you what we intend to be doing and learning over the next couple of weeks and any new routines that may be in place. The learning and experiences in Year 1 will build on the opportunities and the learning that has previously taken place in Reception with Miss Paton and will continue to develop characteristics of learning, subject knowledge, skills and independence. In all areas of the curriculum, the children will be following on from what they have learnt in Yr R and will continue to work and build on these learning objectives in Year 1.

At first, our curriculum updates in Year 1 will be every fortnight. This may be subject to change later into the year as both yourselves and the children become more familiar in Year 1.

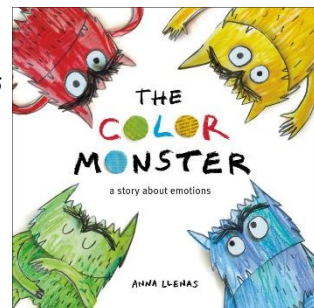
Maths

This first term, we will largely be learning about place value. Within the first two weeks, we will be learning how to sort, count and represent up to 10 objects before moving onto representing numbers to 10 in different ways, counting forwards and backwards and finding one more and less for number within 10.



English

In the first couple of weeks we will be using the story of 'The Colour Monster' to inspire some of our writing. The story is about a little girl who helps a monster identify the different types of feelings he is experiencing. This is a fantastic story which will also be part of our PHSE sessions too. You can find clips of this available on You Tube too so take a look!



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Phonics

In Year 1, we have a phonics session every day. The first couple of weeks will be a great opportunity to rehearse the sounds they have already covered in Reception with Miss Paton and to continue to practice blending sounds to read words.

Homework

In Year 1, the children will be given weekly phonics/spelling and maths homework. This, at the moment, will be done online via spelling shed, Education city and/or sum dog and TT Rock stars. I aim to start this as of next week once the children have settled a little more and I will endeavour to give out user names and passwords in due course.

PE

Our PE lessons are on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. This term we will be focusing on multi skills and Yoga.

On these days, your children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits. They may wear their red school polo shirts or their white PE tops along with their school jumpers. For the bottom half, please be mindful of the weather on PE days. If it is a cold day, it may be best for them to wear leggings or joggers so that they are warm during the day. On warmer days, PE shorts are fine. Trainers or pumps can also be worn.

Forest school

For Year 1, Forest school will be on a **Thursday afternoon**. On this day, the children will need to come to school in their forest school clothes (old but comfortable clothes that will keep the children warm and clothes that you don't mind them getting dirty!) with comfortable footwear.



Reading books and reading at home

Due to the current circumstances, the children are unable to carry their reading books and reading records back and forth to school. With this in mind, as a school, we will be sending home 2/3 books every Tuesday with your child's reading records. These books are to be kept at home with you for the week, where we expect every child to be reading each night for 5/10 minutes. You will need to record each time they read at home in their records so that this goes towards their 40 reads awards.

ALL books must then be returned to school every Monday.

Please can I also remind you to bring back all the reading books that we gave out prior to lockdown.

Mrs Cunningham and the Year 1 team.