Year 1 Curriculum Overview

Churchdown Village Infant School

English

This term, we will continue to learn our key writing skills. We will be using lots of engaging picture books as the basis for our writing. Children will focus on writing simple sentences using capital letters, fingers spaces and punctuation including full stops. They will continue to use their sounds and start to apply alternative sounds in their writing. Children will write about characters and settings from the books we read and retell as a class. We will also be practising our letter formation during handwriting sessions.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about what it is like to belong to a faith community. We will also be focusing on Christianity and learning about what Christians think God is like.

PSHE

Our focus for the Autumn term, is building strong relationships with children and allowing them to become confident members of Year 1. We will look at families and people who care for them, as well as how we can look after ourselves and each other. During Term 2 we will have a visit from the Life Education Centre.

Geography

During this term, children will be building on their understanding and knowledge of maps. We will be using our school environment to read, understand and make maps that involve a key.

Phonics and Spelling

Throughout Year One, we will continue to use a systemic phonics programme called Essential Letters and Sounds. This allows children to build on their phonetical knowledge from Reception so that they become more confident, fluent and expressive readers. Reading books will be changed once during the week and spellings will be sent home every Friday.

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History

We will be learning about changes in living memory and will be looking at toys from the past; considering what they were made of; how they have changed and how they compare to toys now!

Science

This term we will be looking at seasonal changes, including observing changes in the surroundings, length of days and weather.

We will look in depth and investigate different classifications of animals such as mammals, reptiles and insects. We will also understand which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on place value and recognising the value of larger numbers. Within this, children will learn to count forwards and backwards, find one more and one less and look at comparing numbers using the vocabulary greater than, less than and equal to. Moving into Autumn 2 children will have a focus on addition and subtraction using part-part whole models, using number bonds and solving word problems. Children will also continue using Numbots and new logins will be sent home in their homework folders.

Computing

In computing, the children will develop We will be completing the following units in the Autumn term: Technology around us and digital painting.

Art/DT/Music

Our focus in Art is drawing by making a mark. Children will learn how to use a drawing pencil, exploring line and shape, creating strokes to draw with increasing accuracy.

In DT, we will be studying textiles and making our own puppets with a needle and fabric.

Through music children will explore different rhythms in a piece of music. We will also be listening to a range of music styles including hip hop and rap.

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Class teachers – Swans: Mrs Bunnage
Kingfishers: Mrs Otter (Mon-Tues)
Mrs Newman (Wed- Thurs)

PPA cover – Mrs Hancock

Homework:

- Reading should be completed a minimum of 3 times a week for 15 minutes. Books will be changed every Thursday if there is a signature from parents in reading diaries confirming they have been read. Children should read the complete book at least 3 times over the week. 1st – Decoding, 2nd – fluency 3rd – intonation & expression.
- Termly spelling overviews are in book diaries and a spelling grid will be sent home each Friday. Homework folders/reading books will be collected in on Thursdays, so that we can prepare new books and homework to give out on Fridays. Your child will also have a Numbots log in for maths practice. They will also bring home regular 'sharing books' to read for pleasure from the school library.

PE:

- PE will be on Monday and Friday. PE kits should be in school every day. PE kits should include: Yellow T-shirt, green shorts, trainers/plimsolls, and spare socks. During the colder months, your child is allowed to bring jogging bottoms and a plain jumper or hoody to wear. Alternatively, they can wear their school jumper.

Class Readers:

- During the Autumn term, we will look at a range of different books to build on pupils' vocabulary.



- We hope that your child settles quickly into Year 1. Please do catch the teachers at the door before or after school if you have any questions or concerns and we'll be happy to support