



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to see the children have all settled back into school and are ready to start their Year 1 journey. If you have any questions, as always, please come and speak to us.

Autumn 1 in Year 1

Our topic is: Pirates

English	Maths	Art	Computing	Geography
We will begin our Pirate topic by looking back at all the things we can recall about Pirates, from our Year R learning. We will then be learning how to use adjectives to write a Pirate description. We follow this by learning how to write instructions to give to a Pirate to follow a treasure map. Lastly, we will learn how to write a diary entry as if we were a Pirate.	In maths, we start the year by looking at place value within ten. This includes recapping some skills learnt in Year R such as sorting and counting, before comparing numbers and ordering numbers. We also look at recognising numbers as words. Just before the end of the half term, we will begin to learn more about addition and subtraction using the part part whole model.	In Art, we will be learning about the skills of form, line and texture, whilst being creative and inventive. We will look at creating different marks eg circles, swirls, dots using different media eg pastels, chalks, pencils. We will look closely at animal prints, and then using the skills that we have learnt, design our own.	In Computing, the children will learn to be creative with their laptops, designing pictures. All through their computing lessons, the children will learn the importance of being safe online and in the digital world.	We start our Geography learning by understanding what Geography means. We will look carefully at our school grounds, finding parts that are special to us. Whilst doing this, we will be looking at aerial photographs of the school and begin to learn some basic mapping skills, including the directions north, south, east and west.
Handwriting	RE	Music	RHE	PE
In handwriting, we will be working hard on learning our new cursive letter formation and using this in our writing.	In RE, we will be thinking about the concept of Creation. We will practically use resources to make our own creations, before learning what the Creation Story means to Christians and Hindus.	In music, we will be looking at a range of genres including Classical, Latin, Funk and Reggae. We will also be beginning to learn to play the recorder!	In RHE, we will begin by looking at our classroom charter and the rules that we have all agreed to. We will be discussing our school values of Respect, Resilience, Teamwork and Aspiration, and learn more about building friendships.	In PE, the children will be working with Superstar Sports covering basic movement and gym skills.

Pip and Pap Website

<https://www.pipandpap.com/familyhub>

There are lots of fun activities and support on the Pip and Pap website, Family Hub.

Please take a look to help support your children.

How can I help my child at home?

Home Help!

Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home everyday. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences.. As well as home-school reading books, anything that children read can count .

Homework, home-reading and PD Day.

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each half term the children need to complete three pieces of work - one English, one Maths, and then one of our Foundation subjects eg Geography or Art.

Home-reading books need to be in your child's bag every day and we will endeavour to change their books three times a week, if they have been read. Please ensure that you sign the Reading Chart every time your child reads.

PD Day will be on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school on a Wednesday in their PE kit. Please remove any earrings.