

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Class One

Autumn 2017



Our Themes:

Autumn Term 1 – Time Detectives

Autumn Term 2 – The Magic Toymaker

CLASS TEACHER: Mrs Stephanie Clayton

TEACHER (TUESDAY-THURSDAY MORNINGS): Mrs Samantha Watson

TEACHER (MONDAY MORNING & FRIDAY ALL DAY): Mrs Katie Priestley

TEACHING ASSISTANT: Mrs Nadine Crump

Our Key Values:

Caring Commitment to Achieve Co-operation

Independence Happiness Respect



Welcome back to Class One! We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for an exciting year ahead ☺ The children have all settled in so well and look very smart in their school uniforms! We are looking forward to working with you all again and having another great year! We are all very excited with the learning we have planned for our Autumn term IPC units and our specific Foundation Stage weekly themes. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming back Mademoiselle Du Pratt for our Friday French lessons! Here is what you need to know about the curriculum, along with specific information for Class One. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are available before school, and Mrs Clayton is available after school by appointment.

English

During this term we will be linking our literacy with our IPC units. We will begin with fiction writing before moving onto non-fiction, and using visual literacy where appropriate. We will continue having a weekly handwriting lesson and lots of further consolidation work. Punctuation and grammar will be taught in every lesson and spellings will be taught and revisited daily in discrete sessions. In addition to this, guided reading will be taught weekly and a discrete phonics lesson is taught before lunch every day.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will learn about counting, place value, the number system, addition and subtraction, shape, space, measures, position and direction, fractions and data handling. All the contexts in these lessons, including problem-solving ones, will link to the IPC units where possible.

Science

In Science this term we will be studying Animals Including Humans.
After half term the topic will be Seasonal Changes.

R.E

For the first half term we will be looking at Creation.
Next half term we will be learning about the Torah and the Bible and, of course, Christmas!

Computing

We will begin with the unit 'We Are Storytellers' and after half term we will be doing 'We Are Celebrating'. We will continue teaching the children about the importance of E-Safety.

PSHE

This year we will be continuing with the Jigsaw scheme. In term 1 we will begin with 'Being Me In My World' and after half term the unit will be 'Celebrating Differences'.

P.E

In P.E the children the children will take part in lessons with outside coaches on Tuesday afternoons and swimming lessons on Thursday afternoons. After half term, the children will have one longer PE session with the specialist coaches on Tuesdays only.

International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Term 1	Term 2
Our theme is 'Time Detectives.	Our theme will be 'The Magic Toymaker'
Our WOW Day will involve looking at artefacts from The Museum of Lincolnshire Life, including topic boxes relating to the Victorians. The children will be discovering about the past, focusing on the themes of The Great Fire Of London, Florence Nightingale, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth.	Our WOW day will be a toy workshop where the children will test a number of toys with a challenge set by a very important mystery man!
Our exit day will hopefully involve inviting parents in to our Class Museum and see what we have learned about over the half term.	Our exit day will culminate with a visit from our very important mystery man and showing them what we have learned!

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As Historians we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we find out about the past • About clues that are left behind from the past • How to sequence clues from our families' past • How to create a time capsule 	As Historians we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About toys and games from the past • How to decide if a toy is new or old • How to create our own toy museum • How we can learn about the past in different ways
As Artists we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to look closely at objects • About the paintings of Joan Miró • How to compare a photograph and a painting 	As Technologists we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 'magic' toys that fool our eyes • How to design and make our own board game • How to design and make our own puppet

Important Information

Our weekly homework will continue to be **set on Thursdays** and **returned on Mondays**. Children get house points for each piece of homework they complete to a good standard and we often award merits for super effort, so please encourage your child to complete their homework on time. We set homework that links to our current learning in class, and should mostly be able to be completed independently without the need for lots of adult support (other than reading the task to them). Please ensure your child completes their homework and hands it in on time; we cannot always mark late homework.

There will not be weekly spelling tests this year. Common exception word (CEW) lists have been sent home in KS1 homework books this week for regular practice at home throughout the year.

Our P.E days this year are **Tuesdays** (PE) and **Thursdays before half term** (SWIMMING). Children will need their indoor AND outdoor PE kit for this term so that they are prepared for lessons both outside and in the village hall. Please make sure your child has their PE and swimming kits on the correct days and that earrings are not worn (or can be removed by the child themselves on these days). A small container to keep them inside would be helpful, as adults will not be held responsible for lost earrings. PE IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM, HOWEVER, CHILDREN CANNOT TAKE PART IF THEY DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR COMPLETE KIT INCLUDING SUITABLE FOOTWEAR (PLIMSOLLS OR TRAINERS). Please consult the school's uniform policy for the correct PE kit.

Children will be able to change their own reading book daily. THIS YEAR WE WILL NOT BE MONITORING HOW MANY BOOKS THE CHILDREN READ ON A PERSONAL BOOKMARK. It will be the responsibility of the children and parents to keep count at home (number of books read, not number of times). **A golden coin will only be awarded for 100 books**

read this year. *Please understand that the children's reading stage will be changed when they have demonstrated over a period of time that they have improved their fluency and comprehension on that stage. There are a number of varied books for each reading stage and it is important that the children read a breadth of different genres. Before making the decision to move the children up a level, we always consult their National Curriculum reading level first.*

We encourage the children to be as independent as possible in Reception and Key Stage 1, including being responsible for bringing their P.E. kits and homework books on the correct day, and reminding them to change their reading books when they need to (books will not be changed at the end of the day if children have forgotten to do this in the morning). We ask for your support with this.

Whilst your child will always read to an adult once a week in guided reading (and additional times if there are available adults), we are always looking for parents willing to come into school to listen to the children read. If you can help with this it would be greatly appreciated. We will also always need additional adults to accompany us on school trips throughout the year. Please see me if you think you can help.

The children are welcome to come into the classroom from 8:30am where there will be an adult waiting, and another at the gate. The children are encouraged to come in by themselves and put away their belongings. This encourages independence through routine. Mrs Clayton will bring your child out to you at 3:00pm. Please let us or the office know if you have arranged for somebody else to collect your child at the end of the day as we will be unable to send them home without this information.

Children need a named water bottle in school every day as we are unable to provide cups for them to use. We are now a WATER ONLY school. Bottles containing anything other than juice will be replaced with water.

As the weather turns colder and wetter this term, children will need to have a warm and waterproof coat (named hats, gloves and scarves etc.) as we take the children outside for lessons as well as playtimes whatever the weather! Wellington boots and a spare set of socks that can stay in school would be desirable if at all possible. COATS SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY IN CASE THE WEATHER TURNS SUDDENLY.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to approach us both in the morning, or Mrs Clayton in the afternoons. We look forward to working with you again, as well as your child.

Kind regards

Mrs Clayton and Mrs Watson 😊