

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Class One

Spring 2019



Our Theme:

Spring Terms 1 & 2:

“We Are What We Eat”

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Our Key Values:

Caring Commitment to Achieve Co-operation

Independence Happiness Respect



Welcome back Class One! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. Mrs Clayton is particularly excited to working with you all again after her maternity leave. We are all looking forward to the learning we have planned for our specific Foundation Stage weekly themes and our Spring term unit on “We Are What We Eat”; this one topic will carry on through to the Easter holidays. Here is what you need to know about the curriculum, along with some specific information for Class One. If you have any questions, as always please don’t hesitate to contact us.

English

During this term we will link our English with our IPC unit where possible. We will cover explanation writing, recipes and visual literacy with the use of film clips where appropriate. We will continue to have a strong focus on handwriting, having a weekly lesson and lots of consolidation work. Weekly lessons on punctuation and grammar will also remain. Spellings will continue to be taught following the Read, Write Inc, scheme. In addition to this, we will have daily guided reading lessons and a discrete phonics lesson at the start of every day.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to learn about place value, and introduce fractions and time before half term. Shape, space and measure, statistics and position and direction will be taught after half term. 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 learning about ‘Animals Including Humans’.

R.E

We will be looking at ‘Islam’ this full term and, of course, Easter!

Computing

We will be learning the unit ‘We Are TV Chefs’. We will continue teaching the children about the importance of E-Safety.

PSHE

Our Term 1 theme is ‘Dreams and Goals’ and after half term we will be learning ‘Healthy Me’. We will continue to do regular circle time activities and chats throughout the week about any matters arising in class that need discussing.

P.E

In P.E the children will have a session with our specialist sports coach on Wednesday afternoons, covering Dance and a consolidation lesson with Mrs Clayton and Mrs Watson on Friday afternoons.

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 + 2
Our theme is We Are What We Eat
Our WOW day will involve turning our classroom into a café and acting out different roles.
We hope to have a trip to Tesco after February half term to understand more about food. We aim to finish the unit with a pizza restaurant for our Exit Day.

Term 1 + 2
In Society we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How food plays a role in celebrations and festivals• About our favourite family recipes
In Art we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About artists that use food for their ideas• How to draw and paint fruit and vegetables• How artists are involved in things we see around us, including advertising
In Geography we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where our food comes from• What food is eaten at home and in other countries• Why different foods grow and are eaten in different countries
In History we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the food that our parents and grandparents ate when they were young• How and why the choice of food in our shops has changed• What our ancient ancestors ate
In Technology we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to plan, make and evaluate a healthy pizza• How to make a box for a pizza
In International we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About famine and drought around the world• Where drinking water comes from

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.

Our P.E days this term are **Wednesday and Fridays afternoons**. 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 kit on the correct day 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. **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. The children are encouraged to come in by themselves and put away their belongings. This encourages independence through routine. We 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 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.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to approach us.

Mrs Clayton and Mrs Watson ☺