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Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year1.

We look forward to sharing our learning with you at the end of the term and throughout the year.

Below is the outline of the curriculum areas we will be covering this term

Subject	Areas to be covered
RE	Our RE learning this term will be focusing on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family. • JUDAISM - Abraham and Moses • BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family • ISLAM - Muhammad • WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
English	Our focus in Year 1 is Phonics . Children are encouraged to use phonics as the main strategy for reading, writing and spelling. This term we will be looking at a selection of African Traditional Stories .
Maths	We will continue to use Maths No Problem which is in line with the Singapore Maths approach. This encourages children to use manipulatives to support learning and approach mathematical problems in different ways. Children will also be developing their mathematical thinking in a range of contexts with particular focus on: Number to 10 - reading, writing, ordering, comparing, writing numbers as words, adding and subtracting.



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Science	Throughout Year 1 we look at Seasonal Changes in Science. We start this term by looking at Autumn and how the season changes the weather, the hours of daylight, the trees and animal behaviour including humans. In our second topic: Animals including Humans , we will identify different body parts and investigate our senses.
Computing	In computing the children will be looking at Computing Systems & Networks -Technology Around Us Programming - Moving a robot
History	As part of the school's Black History Month topic on Journeys. We will be looking at the Journey of African traditional tales .
Geography	Our Geography Topic will be the local area focussing on Our School . This will include an introduction to mapping skills.
Art	Our Art this term will link with our Black History Month. We will be looking at African Art and recreating some traditional patterns.
PE	PE this term will focus on basic skills and games.

Homework Research Project

Project description:

To investigate Autumn

Ideas:

- Go on an Autumn walk. Collect leaves, conkers, acorns etc. Use them to make an autumn picture.
- Observe birds and other animals in your garden or Local Park.
- Plant an acorn or conker in a pot and watch it grow.
- Keep a record of the weather each day.
- Make a discovery bottle.
- Leaf Rubbing



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Homework:

All homework is set on Monday using Google Classroom.

This comprises of:

Spelling words for a Spelling Test on the following Monday.

'Rhyme of the Week' to learn with actions.

Maths games

In Addition Phonics and Reading tasks are set on Reading Eggs.

How you can help:

- Talk to your child about what they are learning; your interest will build their curiosity.
- Read with your child every day and ask questions about the book they have read. Encourage them to apply their knowledge of phonics to decode unknown words.
- Join a public library and visit regularly, to encourage a love of Reading.
- Ensure they have done their homework to the best of their ability.
- Monitor your child's time spent on video games, internet use and watching television and encourage them to be more active.
- Encourage children to be responsible for the things they need for school each day.
- School uniform PE kit must be in school every **Monday**.
- **Please check that all clothing is named!**

If you would like to speak to us at any point, whether you have any concerns or would like to ask any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Donald and Miss Riste



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