



Please find general information below about planned curriculum and activities for your child across Year 1 this term.

English

All aspects of early reading and writing continue to be very important in Year 1, and daily reading at home is an important part of learning to read and understand what is being read. Students are encouraged to read for longer periods, 10 minutes at least.

We introduce Persuasive Writing to the children this term. Through the very funny 'Pigeon' books, we learn about the different ways we can persuade people and the types of words and images associated with persuasion. We continue with teaching reading strategies and exposure to spelling sounds.

Mathematics

This term consolidates our work on numbers to 100, and number facts, such as count-ons, count-backs, doubles/near-doubles, rainbow facts (add to 10) and friendly facts ($40+6=46$). We learn more about how addition and subtraction relate to each other in fact families. We revise collecting data to make and answer questions about graphs and we also learn about capacity.

Science—Physical Science

In our 'Physical Sciences' unit we are investigating light and sound and how they are produced by a range of sources. The unit involves the children experimenting with various natural and man-made materials (torches, light bulbs, musical instruments etc) and discussing how they could be used to produce or create light and sound. Lots of fun to be had in this unit!

History

In our unit 'My Grandparents, My Parents and Me' we are concentrating on how family life has changed throughout the generations. Our excursion in week 3 to the Highfields Pioneer Village will assist the children to better understand the differences in everyday objects and family life over time. The children will then be posing questions to ask an older person about their lives and writing to share their newfound knowledge with the class.

Health

Health looks at our Personal Safety and how children can keep themselves safe in a variety of situations. This fits perfectly with some events that happen this term such as our visit from the local fire fighters, swimming and Day for Daniel. We also cover road safety, beach safety, sun safety and cyber safety.

The Arts—Dance

This term we are focusing on Dance and how we can communicate through movement. We use the elements of spatial awareness and direction in our dances. Writing a response to our dancing is an important feature of this unit as well. Later in the term we also explore dances from different cultures and learn some popular dances.

Technology

We are looking at a variety of small projects that require the children to design, make and reflect upon their work. We also continue learning ICT skills and programs during our time in the computer labs.

Excursions, events and activities

We will have a visit from our local **Fire Fighters** this term, and are going to **Pioneer Village** in Week 3. **Swimming** lessons, as part of the PE program, will be held during weeks 4-8. All students are invited to wear a red T-shirt and join us for the **Day for Daniel** walk on 26th October. Information about these events will be sent home as details are confirmed.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns, preferably through email. If you need to talk to the teacher, please make an appointment, as our teachers are preparing for the day before school starts, and often have school and family commitments after school. Teachers are generally not available throughout the school day, as they will be teaching. By contacting the teacher through email to make an appointment, your discussion can be given the time it needs.

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