



GEORGE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
"Where Learning Comes Alive"

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 Autumn 2024

Teacher: Ms. Bunclark & Mrs Buckley TA's: Mrs Lord & Miss Duck

English

Reading

We will continue to develop the children's phonics knowledge this year through daily Read Write Inc sessions in groups, and reading sessions where we focus on word reading and on fluency in reading whole and books. We read each book three times: for decoding, understanding and fluency. Children will then bring home their in-class book to read to you with confidence after all their practise! We will also, on the same day, send home a second book of the same level, which they will not have seen, to read. Because we will be giving out books as they finish them in class, there is no fixed day for changing books and they should bring them in every day in their book-bag, so they are ready to change.

Writing

Our main focus for writing at the start of Year 1 is correct letter formation, choosing phonetic sounds to spell words and using spacing between words to write sentences, lists, labels and captions. We will be using a range of fiction and non-fiction books, including poetry, letters and instructions. At home, it would be useful to practise recognising and writing capital letters, and using "http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/letterformation/" www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/letterformation/ to practise handwriting.

History

How have people's lives changed in living memory?

We will be starting our history topic by looking at the history of our school, which was founded in 1855, thinking about what a century means and what the similarities and differences are between children who have attended George Street in that time.

We will count in tens to make timelines, and look for clues in photos of people and places.

We will then focus on how lives have changed since the 1960s, comparing three main aspects:

- we will play with toys that our grandparents and great grandparents might have played with
 - we will listen to music from the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s.
 - we will look at and maybe even try some food that children had at home and for their school dinners!
- You might want to listen to some of the music we will be singing and dancing to over the weeks:
- 60s: The Beatles and The Beach Boys,
 - 70s: Abba and The Jackson 5
 - 80s: Queen, Kylie Minogue and Wham
 - 90s: Oasis and The Spice Girls
 - 00s: Coldplay and Beyonce,
- Let them know who your favourites were and ask their grandparents, too!

Maths

In Year 1 we make our maths practical and fun. Children will use number lines, objects to count, as well as pictures and even each other's bodies to understand our key mathematical principles.

We will cover three areas this term in maths.

Place Value

In Reception the children learned their digits to 10 and begun to understand how many objects matched each digit. We will begin Year 1 by sorting, counting, representing numbers to 10. We will then learn how to recognise our numbers as words. We will then focus on adding 1 and subtracting 1 more and 1 less to and from a digit and establish how we count back from 10. We will then teach how to group numbers.

Addition and Subtraction

Having understood the basics of adding or subtracting 1 more or less we will use a model to help the children add and subtract larger number – whole part models. We will learn our number bonds to 10 and begin using some mathematical problems.

Geometry

We will learn our 2D and 3D shape names and properties.



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Physical Education (Tuesday)

In **P.E.** children will be:
Practicing basic movements including running, jumping and catching
Recognising rules and applying them while engaging in games

Please have PE kits in school at all times and only take it home during holidays.

Music

In **Music** children will
Practising keeping a steady pulse throughout a whole song, using clapping and percussion.
Learning songs for our Autumn term performances of the Harvest Festival and Nativity Play

R.E.

In **R.E.** children will be learning about:
Christianity
Who is a Christian?
What they believe?
Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

Science

In our first science topic for this half term we will be looking at everyday materials, we will be:

Looking at the different materials around us.

Identifying what materials everyday objects are made of.

Comparing and grouping materials

We will also continue to look at seasonal change as it happens, and use ideas from that to write sentences, labels and poems.

PSHE

In **PSHE** children will be learning about:
What is the same and different about us?
Who is special to us?
What makes a family and why they are special.

Art

In **Art** children will be learning to draw pieces of fruit.
They will learn to:
Draw lines of different sizes.
Colour neatly following the lines.
Show pattern/texture by adding dots and lines.

Important Dates

Wednesday 11th September – 8:45am meet Ms Bunclark and Mrs Buckley.

End of October - Parent's Evening.

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

October half term (Return to school Monday 4th November)

Wednesday 13th November (AM) – Toys through the ages trip

Friday 20th December - 2pm Finish – end of term

Tuesday 7th January – First day back

Suggestions for days out /activities

Walk along the canal, see how many different things you can find, conkers, acorns, sticks, leaves of different shape size and colour. Can you do some crayon rubbings with the leaves when you get home?

Reading Target and Home Learning

Children should continue to read at least four times a week at home with an adult. Please write down every time your child read in the orange reading record.

Children will have their reading books changed by their Read Write Inc group's adult, at the end of each book read in school. Homework is set on Fridays and due in on the following Friday.