



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 Autumn 2023

Miss Kaur

Mrs Cox

Miss Pole










Miss Whitehouse

Mrs Priest

Miss Jukes

Mrs Pearson

This is a summary of the learning programme for your child this term;

	English	Children will develop basic reading and writing skills (including handwriting), which will be topic based. We will endeavour to hear your child read their home reader on a weekly basis, although this may not be on the same day each week.
	Maths	Children will focus on place value, addition, subtraction and shape. In all lessons, children will be encouraged to explore concepts using a range of practical equipment and pictorial representations to build on their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.
	Topic	This term's topic is 'What a Wonderful World' and covers a range of Foundation Subjects as part of a more creative approach to the curriculum. The children will start the topic by looking for clues to try and predict what we are learning. They will have to take on the role of an explorer as they get the opportunity to learn about Sedgley, the UK and the wider world.
	Science	We will get the chance to be scientists as we explore, investigate and find out about British trees, plants and animals that share our environment. We will explore the seasons starting with Autumn. There will be lots of opportunities to be out and about looking for seasonal changes and using this knowledge in projects such as leaf printing.
	Religious Education	The children will investigate belonging and identify what belonging means to them. We will also study the festival of Diwali and listen to the story of Rama and Sita. In addition to this, we will learn about Christmas and investigate why Christians give gifts.
	Music	Music will be taught by Mrs Gullick, our music specialist. The term's focus is 'Exploring Sounds and Exploring Duration'. The children are encouraged to make a variety of sounds with their voices, bodies, found objects and instruments. The children will explore sounds in towns, cities and get the opportunity to listen to and appreciate music from different composers.
	PSHE	We will be exploring Health and Well-being, including classroom behaviour and rules, as well as relationships with others. This will mainly be done through stories such as 'The Colour Monster' We will also be learning about germs and how to keep ourselves clean.
	Computing	We will be practising logging on and off the computers, using usernames and passwords. We will also develop our understanding of using a keyboard, and practise mouse control, to help us become more independent.
	PE	PE will be taught by Mr Whitehouse, our sports coach. We will focus on ball skills, such as throwing and catching. We will use these skills in games. Lessons will usually take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please remove any jewellery on these days too.

Additional Information:

Reading is very important. Please aim to hear your child read at least three times a week, and talk to them about what they have read. Please make sure their book is kept in their school bag everyday as we aim to hear all children read on any given day.