

English

In our English lessons, we will begin by writing lists, captions and short sentences. This will ensure that we have a solid foundation to build upon throughout the year. Following this, we will begin our first 'Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar' unit. The children will learn about the function of nouns, verbs and subjects within a sentence in order to build single clause sentences and punctuate them correctly with a capital letter and a full stop.

Each child will have 2 daily phonics sessions and a daily guided reading session. Children will learn new sounds and revisit old sounds, will practise decoding texts and develop fluency and comprehension. These texts will then be sent home each Friday for you to practise at home to further develop fluency.

Our focus authors for the autumn term are Julia Donaldson and Mini Grey.

Science

Animals, including humans- Children will learn about common animals and be able to discuss their features using scientific language. They will begin to identify similarities and differences between different animals. Children will also look at the diets of different animals and compare these. Finally, children will focus on humans, identifying body parts and linking these to senses as well as discussing the similarities and differences between humans.

Seasonal Changes - Children will learn about the four different seasons. This topic will be revisited throughout the year in the appropriate season so children can observe the season first hand.

Computing

Children will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help us. They will start to become familiar with the different components of a tablet by developing their ability to use its different functions. Children will also consider how to use technology responsibly.

Cost of events

As it stands, we have not planned any trips or visits with any additional costs for the Autumn term. In the unlikely event that this changes we will give you as much notice as possible.

Dates for your diary...

16/9/26: Forest School begins for 6 weeks

20/10/26: Parent Share Event - 2.30pm (Phonics focus)

15/12/26: KS1 Nativity performance at Zoar Church, 2.15pm and 5pm

Please see the Red Hall Newsletter for whole school events.

Homework

From Friday 11th September, spelling logs and reading books will be sent home each Friday for children to practise throughout the week. Please ensure that these are returned each Friday.

Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter Year 1

A very warm welcome back to you all!

Our year 1 team:

Mr Farley, Miss Slater & Mrs Beddow

History & Geography

Toys in the past - Children will look at modern toys and compare them to a range of toys from the last 50-60 years. Children will become history detectives, encouraged to ask questions, make comparisons and use evidence.

The world and my school - Children will begin by looking at the immediate environment of the classroom, before gradually expanding further and further afield. They will look at where our school sits within the local community, before exploring Gornal's place within the country, and country's place within the world.

Art/D.T.

Sculpture - Children will learn what sculpture is and its purpose before creating their own sculptures. They will learn about the work of some famous sculptors and compare their work.

Design and Technology - The children will explore a range of different techniques in order to make a moving toy.

Maths

In maths this term the first unit we will be covering is counting patterns and conservation of number. We will first begin by ensuring that children can count accurately before moving onto looking at the relationships between numbers. Children will compare quantities using the words 'more' and 'fewer', then move onto 'greater than,' 'less than' and 'equal to'. They will learn counting patterns such as counting in tens, and recognising the counting pattern with numbers to 100.

We are then moving on to comparing numbers and the composition of numbers. We will look at part-whole relationships and the way that different numbers are made, trying to recall number bonds at speed.

Useful Websites: Numbots (details to be shared with you in the coming weeks)

P.E.

PE this term focuses on making sure the children are getting active as much as possible, both in PE lessons and during other opportunities throughout the week. PE lessons will be initially have a focus on multi-skills, developing the fundamental movements required to participate in a range of physical activities.

Music

Children will learn about and practise keeping the pulse and tempo within music. They will read some simple sound patterns and apply their learning to new songs.

P.S.H.E.

Children will be learning about the importance of mental health and wellbeing and will learn about ways to manage this. They will explore British Values and will learn about how to build relationships with others.

RE

Our RE work this term focuses on ideas of Creation in religion, as well as how the symbols of light and dark are used within religion.