



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

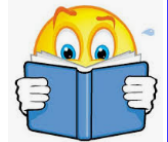
The curriculum overview for parents and carers.

Autumn
Term
2026



Lower School Phase Leader: Mr Lee
Burningham Class Teacher: Ms Kowe

English



Reading

We encourage children to read at home everyday. Children can read any books including e-books e.g. books found on purple mash. Children have the opportunity to go to the key stage one library once a week. At school the children will be reading a range of texts through English and whole class reading.

Writing

Over the term the children will be taught writing which will aim to **inform** and **entertain** their audience. In Autumn 1 we will be reading 'How to find gold'. In Autumn 2, our core text will be 'Adventures of an Eggbox Dragon'. Children will have the opportunity to create their own treasure maps, respond to letters and be exposed to a range of books relating to our topic.

Phonics

Over this term children will be continuing daily phonics lessons, we will be beginning to use the extended code of the Sounds Write program. The sounds we will focus on during this term will be /ae/, /ee/, /oe/, /e/, /er/ and /ow/. Also please look at our school website (useful information page) for phonics videos online.

Handwriting

Children will be revising all letters and numbers to ensure they are formed correctly using Penpals handwriting scheme.

Maths

Over the term we will be learning:

- Place value within ten by

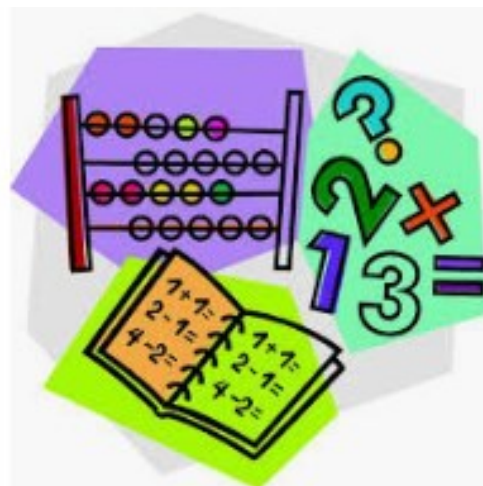
Sorting and counting objects
Counting on from any number within ten
Recognising 1 more and 1 less
Comparing numbers
Counting backwards within 10
Recognising numbers as words

- Learning to add and subtract by...

Using part whole models
Recognizing fact families
Creating and solving number bonds
Finding a part
Using a number line to add or subtract

- Learning new shapes by

Recognising and sorting 2D and 3D shapes



Computing

This term in computing, children will be introduced to Purple Mash and learn the essential knowledge and skills required to navigate its key areas.

They will learn how to log in and out securely, access and complete assigned tasks using 2Dos, save their work correctly in the Work area, and check their work for any errors before submitting.

Science

In Science this term, children will be investigating the **human body**. Children will name, identify, draw and label the different parts of the body. Then they will take a deeper look at each of the functions of the 5 senses.

In Autumn 2, we will take a look at different **materials** including wood and plastic and explore how these are used in everyday objects.

Music

In Music we will be learning the importance of singing warm ups, learning chants and call and response songs. As well as adding expression and being creative in music. We will be using the Charanga music scheme to deliver lessons.



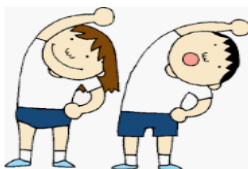
PE

In PE this term children will be focusing on games and dance. We will be exploring the fundamental movements necessary to play games and create movements in dance. The children will be exploring safety, moving in a controlled way and moving to the tempo of music.

PE/Games days:

Burningham Class: Wednesday and Thursdays

Children to come to school wearing their PE kits on these days.



Humanities (History and Geography)

In Autumn term 1, we will be introduced to **world maps** whilst exploring where we come from, paying close attention to **oceans** and **continents** and different **climates**.

In Autumn term 2, we will be extending this by looking at where our **toys** come from.

Art and DT

Our focus will be on **self-portraits** in **Art**. We will begin by understanding what a self-portrait is and then look deeper at the works of **Paul Klee** who used a range of shapes and colours to create his self-portraits.

In **DT** in Autumn term 2, we will have the opportunity to look at **sliders and levers**. What functions they have, how to create one and then evaluate our very own.

RE

Our theme in **RE** this term is **How did we get here?** In Autumn 1, we will be exploring Genesis, 6 days creation, day of rest- Shabbat: wine and challah.

In Autumn 2, we will be exploring other creation stories, including Zoroastrianism? Hindu Brahman, Atman value of life and Ahimsa - Jain

PSHE

Our theme in **PSHE** this term is **Being me** and we will be exploring who we are and how we fit into different spaces.

Then we will go on to look at celebrating differences and how we can show respect for others and how others are similar and different from us.

Reminders

- Clothes must be labelled with the child's name.
- On PE days children to come to school wearing their PE kits.
- Children need to bring in a water bottle each day.

Homework

Children are expected to **read for at least 10 minutes everyday with an adult**.

Homework will be sent out every Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday.



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