

# Year 1 Curriculum Overview

## Autumn term 2023

### Classes 1A, 1T & 1CH



This information tells you what your child will be learning this term in school. We really value your support and the help that you can give your child with their learning.

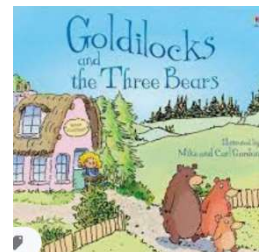
These are some of the things you can do:

- Request books from your local library so they have a wider choice of books to read
- Find information from the internet about the topics we are learning
- Help your child to learn their key words or spellings given to them every week using the **READ SAY WRITE CHECK** strategy.
- Complete optional home learning activities from the school website
- Read with your child every day for at least 10 minutes
- Label everything – PE kits, uniform (including shoes), water bottles, bookbags, etc.

### The curriculum

#### Our focus this term in English:

- Writing about themselves and their families based on books such as We are all Different, From Head to Toe and The Dot
- Traditional Tales - stories such as Goldilocks and the Three bears, Three Little Pigs, Handa's Surprise
- Sequencing stories, describing characters, story language, e.g. Once upon a time....Happily ever after.
- Stories from other cultures based on festivals



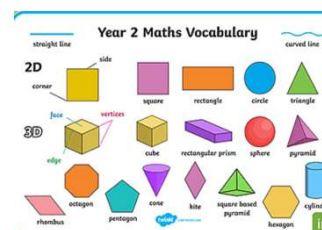
#### Some of the skills we will be focusing on in English this term are:

- Pencil grip
- Letter formation – teaching continuous cursive (joined up writing)
- Recognising upper and lower case letters
- Using capital letters and full stops
- Using finger spaces
- Phonics for reading and writing



#### In Maths we will be learning to:

- Count reliably at least 20 objects and beyond.
- Read and write numbers to at least 20.
- Know how many tens and ones are in a given number
- Find 1 more and 1 less of a given number to 20 (and beyond)
- Add and subtract within 10 and up to 20
- 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, e.g. corners, sides



The 1<sup>st</sup> topic in the autumn term is *Marvellous Me!* and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is *Traditional Tales*:

#### In Science we will be

- Naming and identifying parts of the body; thinking about what they do
- Learning about the 5 senses and their associated body parts
- Naming materials and their properties, e.g. wood, metal, glass, plastic, fabric, soft, hard, bendy, rough and smooth.
- Observing seasonal changes (this will continue throughout the year)



In **Art & DT** we will be

- Exploring different tools and media such as graphite pencils, oil pastels, chalk and watercolours
- Creating different lines and shapes
- Using different brush strokes to create different effects
- Learning how to use different size brushes
- Learning how to use a chopping knife safely
- Creating a healthy fruit kebab



In **Geography** we will be

- Exploring world maps – labelling, continents, oceans and countries
- Looking at hot and cold countries
- Exploring where our families come from
- Describing the seasons and weather



In **History** we will be:

- Looking at the children's own histories including changes since birth, timelines
- Using a variety of sources, e.g. photos, books, the internet
- Using words and phrases related to time
- Learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past - linked with Black History Month

In **Music** we will be:

- Clapping rhythms and playing rhythms on instruments
- Naming & identifying different musical instruments and finding a variety of ways of playing an instrument



In **RE** we will be

- Learning that we all have different beliefs that shape how we think and behave
- Looking at different festivals in Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity and learning how and why people celebrate.

In **Computing** we will be

- Learning how to switch laptops on and off
- How to log on and off
- Using programs to create simple pictures with text



In **PSHE** we will be:

- Learning school rules and routines
- Learning about feelings, friendships and families

### Other information

#### PE:

Year 1 pupils will have 2 lessons of PE a week. On these days they should come to school dressed in their PE kit. They will stay in their PE kit all day. However if they are wearing plimsolls please send school shoes for them to change into.

**1A – Monday and Tuesday**

**1T – Monday and Friday**

**1CH – Monday and Thursday**

**We are looking forward to having a productive and enjoyable year with you and your child. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 1 team.**

**Miss Parmar, Mrs Andreou, Miss Toma, Miss s Christie & Mrs Chia-Hayward**