



Year 1 Newsletter



Dear parents,

The children settled well into their first term in year 1 and now I would like to tell you a little bit about the new and exciting things that we have to offer this term.

The Mayfield school curriculum is carefully designed to be broad and balanced and age appropriate. The information below shows the curriculum to be covered this Spring term in year 1. This curriculum will be delivered in an environment which promotes a mutual respect and tolerance for each other whilst being actively involved in learning. As a result we hope to prepare children as best we can for life in modern day society.

Our topic for the next half term is "Amazing Africa." We are going to use this topic as our focus for Literacy, Geography, Art & design. Our topic afternoons will include sessions about finding Africa on a map, comparing Africa to England, Tasting African food and even making our own fruit salad.

In Literacy the children will be exploring stories from another culture and so will be looking at different aspects of Africa. They will learn about people, animals, fruits, climate and music. They will develop their speaking and listening skills by acting out the stories we read and using our role play area which is currently set up as an African Safari.

The children are also going to be practicing lots of Phonics this term. They will have new sounds to learn and will be focusing on being able to read real and non-real words containing these new sounds.

In Numeracy the children will continue to develop their understanding of calculations. They will be focusing on using the correct symbols for addition and subtraction. They will also learn about number bonds, measuring and 3D shapes.

For this half term our P.E sessions will be on a Tuesday afternoon and a Friday morning. Our P.E lessons are delivered by our sports coaches Mark and Shaun.

Our Computing topic is going to be about understanding the different ways in which we can send messages in a modern world. The children will be encouraged to work on our VLE.

Hopefully the children will once again be participating in Sign to Sing during some of our music sessions this term. Other sessions will include practicing playing the African drums. I am sure the children will love this!

Just a few new notes:

- Mrs Robinson will now be teaching the children on a Wednesday.
- Maths, Reading and Spelling homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned to school by Tuesday of the following week. Spellings will be practiced in different sessions throughout the week.

Thank-you for your continued support,

Miss Casey and Miss Howard.

Things to remember:

Tuesday: P.E kit and reading/ maths homework to be brought back to school.

Friday: P.E kit. Reading, maths and spelling homework to be taken home.