



September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview

Our topic this half term is 'ME!' and our learning will be based on ourselves and our world. We will be looking at texts such as 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers 'All Are Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold, 'Can I Build Another Me?' by Shinsuke Yoshitake, 'Incredible You' by Rhys Brisenden, 'You Choose' by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart, and many more!



We will also spend time discovering more about our immediate local area as part of the geography and history aspects of our curriculum as well as carrying out different forms of observational drawing. Whilst we are spending lots of time getting used to our new environments, adults and children, we will also be investigating the human body and linking it to our senses. A key part of our week is called 'Out and About' where we will spend time out of the classroom. Each class will take turns using the Conservation Area (some children know it as the 'secret garden'). Children will need to bring Wellington boots, a warm, waterproof coat and waterproof trousers for this session (these are really helpful to keep at school).

Phonics will continue to be taught daily as a whole class, as well as working with individuals following our own Mayfield phonics programme and a specialised reading scheme. As we begin to send reading books home, please bear with us as we get to know each child's reading level and which books suit them best. We really value your input and support with this so please write notes in your child's reading journal to help us with this.

In maths we will be developing our sorting, counting and number skills; building confidence and encouraging application across all areas of learning. We are starting with 'comparison of quantities and measures' and will do lots of practical activities focused on the topic of 'our world' such as drawing around ourselves and measuring different parts, looking at the size of building and distance on maps... and much more!

In outdoor P.E. on Tuesdays (1J) and Wednesdays (1MC) we will be outside on the playground. Please continue to remember to leave earrings at home, tie long hair back, come to school in your P.E. kit and wear shoes with a good grip for running on a possibly wet playground e.g. trainers (no laces unless your child can manage them themselves). On Thursday we will either be doing indoor P.E. or swimming. This will be weather dependent and please do check the emails sent to our Y1 Google Group for confirmation.

We are very grateful for all of your co-operation as we work together to support the children in their learning. Please do talk to us about your child's needs, you can make an appointment to see us on Zoom or email us with any concerns that you might have.

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Yours sincerely,

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