



April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 - Summer 1 Curriculum Overview

The title of our topic this half term is 'Shipmates'. We are investigating the four ships that provide the names of our school houses: The Beagle, The Victory, The Endeavour and The Argo. We will cover as much of the curriculum as we can whilst learning about these, including; reading, writing, art, DT, science, maths, history and geography through exploring these ships.

We are also continuing with 'Out and About' where we spend one session every week outside of the classroom. We are using the Conservation Area (secret garden) as well as our outdoor areas and raised beds as our 'bases' to work from and our sessions involve lots of planting, growing and observing the changes we see. Children may need Wellington boots, waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat for this session, depending on the weather. 1MC do theirs on Monday afternoons, and 1J go as smaller groups on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Phonics continues 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. The Phonics Screening Check for all Year 1 children would normally take place in June, but this year it has been postponed due to the pandemic.

In Maths we are grouping and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, looking at measurement and 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

PE continues to be outdoors (on Wednesday for 1J, and on Thursday for 1MC) and will focus on the skills of agility, balance and co-ordination as well as working on ball skills. Please continue to send your children in to school wearing their PE kit and remember to leave earrings at home on these days – thank you. Swimming may take place after half term, depending on the guidance we receive from County.

In PSHE and DT we are looking at 'Healthy Lifestyles', thinking about where food comes from and which foods are healthy. We will also be looking at naming and talking about all body parts including the scientific names for private parts.

You have the right to withdraw your child from this element if you wish. Please discuss this with the head teachers and they will let you know the process of how to do this.

We will be discussing this as part of a larger topic which includes:

- What are the names of the main parts of the body?
- What can my amazing body do?
- When am I in charge of my actions and my body?
- How can I keep my body clean?
- How can I avoid spreading common illnesses and diseases?

We encourage you to discuss any of these areas with your children before, during or after our topic, as children and young people say that they greatly value being able to talk to their parents and carers about these issues.

We are very grateful for all of your support as we work together to support the children in their learning. Please do continue to talk to us about your child's needs.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team