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Class newsletter

Year 1

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Our whole school topic for this term is '**Heritage**'. In Year 1 we will be learning about life in London and the wider world during the 1970's. We will focus on key events, music, history, art and fashion during our chosen decade as well as investigating what it was like to be alive at that time. We will look at toys, TV shows and the monarchy to inform our writing.

Personal, Social Health, Economic Education (PSHEE)

In PSHEE our topic is '**Diversity**' we will be learning about how we relate to others in the context of our whole school 'Colvestone Values' (Charity, Openness, Life long learning, Voting, Equality, Safety, Tolerance, Origins, Neighbourly and Enriching. Focusing specifically on Origins and Equality to drive our learning and understanding of others.



Communication, Language and Literacy Development (CLLD)

In Literacy we will be looking at 'My Family remembers the 1970s as our class text as well as other information texts and stories about the 1970's. We will be finding out about what it was like to be alive during the 1970s investigating and designing games children played, writing descriptions of TV characters from our chosen decade and writing instructions. These learning experiences will be geared specifically towards developing the children's writing.



The children will also continue to develop their phonetic knowledge in their daily Phonics lessons and Daily Supported Reading Programme giving children the essential building blocks for reading and writing.

Problem Solving and Reasoning about Numbers (PSRN)

In Numeracy we will be learning to read write and count numbers to 30 and beyond! We will be sorting objects in a variety of ways and will be using practical methods to add and subtract single and double digit numbers.

We will also be working towards multiplication and division/sharing in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will be measuring length and learning about money both in the 1970's and in the present day. As well as this we will also be working on our mental maths skills, and learning techniques that help us to become confident, methodical and precise mathematicians.





Knowledge and Understanding of the World (KUW)

In Science our topic is 'Weather and the Seasons'. Year 1 will be learning about the four seasons and how the weather presents itself and changes throughout the course of the year. Year 1 will make observations, compare and contrast and experience the weather. We will be learning about the weather in the context of the five senses and how we use them in our every day lives.

In Religious Education we will be learning to explore how and why Christians celebrate the Harvest Festival. In the second half of the term we will be learning about the stories behind Christmas and other winter festivals.

Physical Development (PD):

In PE the children will be learning to move their bodies with precision and control. In addition to our P.E lessons there will be other physical activities including dancing and drumming and yoga. We will be developing our fine and gross motor skills through team-work games and also learning about the importance of exercise for our health and crucially for enjoyment!



Creative Development (CD)

In Art we will be using a range of materials and techniques that were made famous in the 1970s as well as investigating and designing in the style of artists of that era. We will be working on our fine motor skills by practicing using scissors in a controlled way as well as learning about colors and patterns through an immersion in 1970s fashion.



Trips and events

Details of future trips and events to follow.

Reminders

PE is every Thursday

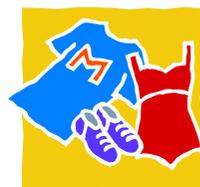
Please ensure your child brings a complete change of clothes including shoes.

Homework

Please can homework be returned on Tuesday.

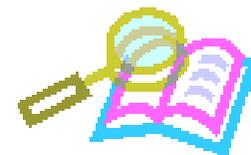
I will not be in class on a **Wednesday morning , Ms Veronica will be covering.**

Reading: Reading bags



Reading books will be swapped around throughout the week but book bags, like homework are due in on a **Tuesday** and be sent home on a Friday. It is important your child continues to read something every day at home for at least 15 minutes.

Punctuality and routine: It is really important that children get into good time keeping and routine habits from an early age. If your child is late, they miss out on the start of lessons which start promptly at 08.55am, this can affect their learning not just in the AM but throughout the day. In Year 1 we start our day with Daily Supported Reading and if children are late they miss out on the introduction to the book being used during the session.



It was lovely to meet you all last week and I look forward to working closely with you and your child in the coming year. I would also like to thank you in advance for your continued support this term.

**Thank you
Mr Lom**