

Aycliffe Village Primary School - Year 1 - Horse Chestnut Class  
Mrs Dean and Miss Richardson's Curriculum Newsletter  
Autumn 2019



Welcome to Horse Chestnut Class - we are really looking forward to a term of interesting and fun topics!

### Mathematics

The children will cover a variety of topics throughout this term; Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Geometry.

The children will be sorting, counting, understanding one more and one less of a number. We will be identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations; including the number line and using the language of equal to, more than, less than, most and least. We will be learning to use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 10, solving one step problems involving addition and subtraction and missing number problems!

This term we will also be learning to recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes.

### English

In English we will be reading and sharing a range of texts and poetry in our Autumn Term! We will be creating labels, lists and signs - including Wanted posters and writing about our own favourite toys from home!

In Year 1 this term our phonics lessons will take the focus of consolidating taught Phase 2 and 3 graphemes, blending and reading CVC words made from these graphemes and learning to spell and write more tricky words including; me, 'was,' 'my,' 'you' and 'they'. Children will be learning letter names as well as the sounds they make.

We will be focusing on letter formation and handwriting this term - Forming lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right, forming capital letters and digits to 0-9 correctly. We will be focusing on using the lines on our page to sit our letters.

### Science

The Science topics covered this term will be; Seasonal changes, Animals (including humans) and Everyday Materials. We will be looking at the seasonal changes of Autumn and how they differ from the Summer months. We will be weather watching and having lots of fun shadow spotting! In Year 1 we will be learning fascinating things about our bodies and senses, we will be observing how we change over time and think about how we change as we get older? We will be collecting data, looking for patterns and carrying out investigations. In our Everyday Materials topic we will be exploring properties of different materials around us and sorting them into groups, we will be recreating the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and predict what will happen to their houses!

## Geography / History

### History - 'Cool Castles'

In our History topic this term it takes the focus of significant places locally, in which the children will be exploring Castles. They will be learning the features of medieval castles, how they have changed and what life was like in a Castle. There will be lots of role play activity and a medieval castle in our classroom!

Geography - There will be lots of geographical skills learned this term in our locality, with the topic of 'My school, My home'. We will explore the local area and village; with village walks, taking photograph and using maps to locate places and landmarks they recognise from their local area. They will make observations of the village and plot a simple route on a map.

## Art and D&T

Art - In Art this term, we will be using our History topic of 'Castles' to do some printing. We will be looking at the artist Paul Klee's work and using his printing style to create our own artwork. We will be using shapes to print and create our own castles!

D&T - Our D&T topic this term is all about nutrition and cooking. The children will learn that all food comes from plants or animals. We will be developing children's peeling and chopping skills when we design and make our own healthy fruit salads!

## Computing

We will be using the iPads to research and learning how to input information into computer programs then how to save.

We will also continue to look at using computers in a safe and responsible way.

## Music

In Music this term Year 1 will be using voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Our Music focus this term will be our Harvest and Christmas performances.

## Religious Education

Our R.E this term will ask the question:

What can we learn about Christianity from visiting a Church?

The children will visit their local church and draw upon their own understanding of belonging, and then relate this to what Christians from different traditions understand about belonging.

The children will learn the church is a special place for many Christians and consider the reasons why; recognising some of the artefacts and symbols found in a church and know the purpose of some of them; reflect on their own feelings and responses to the atmosphere in the building.

## P.E.

In P.E this term, our focus will be Dance and Gymnastics.

In Gymnastics, the children will be learning to roll, jump and travel within our PE lessons. We will learn to move with control, having an awareness of space around us. We will be balancing and creating own ways to balance.

In Dance, we will use our topic of 'Castles' to create our own dance, with 'knights' as a stimulus for our dance. We will be using our bodies expressively to music.

Your support with your child's learning can make a big difference to the progress they make.

Please remember:

- Listen to your child read as much as possible and ask them questions about their reading to check their understanding of the story. If they want to complete the reading challenge, they will need to read at least four times per week! **Every signature in their reading record counts towards our school reading challenge!**
- Homework will be handed out on Fridays and should be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child to remember to hand it in each week.
- Please have a clean PE kit in school at all times, our PE lessons are Wednesday and Friday this term but we may need PE kit on alternate days.
- Barnaby is Year 1's class bear. Each child will have the opportunity of taking Barnaby home with them for a weekend. The children will complete Barnaby's diary and share their adventures on their return to school!

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us at school if you have any questions about any of the information on this newsletter.

Best wishes

Mrs Dean and Miss Richardson