

Dane Ghyll C.P. School

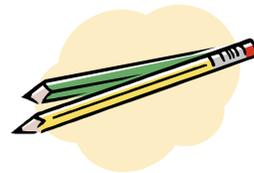
Year 1

Booklet for Parents



2017/2018

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Welcome to Year 1! Here are the areas of the curriculum we will be covering this year.

Literacy

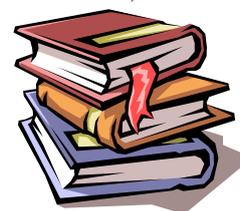
Literacy lessons begin with carpet time.

- a) A big book for shared reading — talking about storylines, grammar, spelling rules etc.
- b) A shared writing task on some aspect of writing composition, poetry and nonfiction.
- c) Phonics focus – looking at this week's phonics sounds through simple activities such as playing games and singing songs.

The class then breaks into groups for phonics follow up, guided reading, grammar or sentence tasks, story planning and writing or comprehension work. We have four Literacy activities in the week and I work with each group in turn during the week, which ensures that each group gets equal time with me. Usually my teaching assistants work with another group and two groups work independently.

Reading

In Year 1 children will have the opportunity to read in a variety of different ways, including class books, individual readers and guided and group reading sessions. Children will read their home/school reading books once a week with an adult (please see assigned day on the reading record) therefore parental help and support is essential. I will send a reading record book home for parents to fill in when they have heard their children read. Please fill this in regularly as it is really important that I see how much practise your child is having and how they are getting on at home. I feel it is very important for children to read a wide range of books and have access to a variety of reading material. Please also list some of the books that either your child has read to you or the books you have read to them, other than the school reading scheme books.



Writing

In Literacy lessons the children will experience various forms of writing e.g. descriptive, creative, letters, messages, poems, notices, instructions, real life, fantasy stories, riddles etc. Sometimes the children will be asked to write independently and sometimes with the help of word lists and dictionaries.

Speaking and Listening

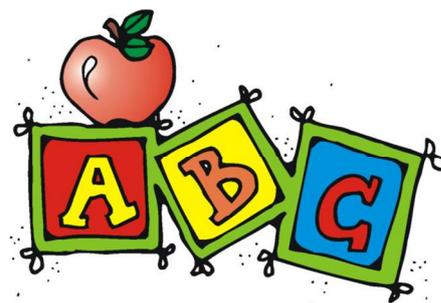
Speaking and listening is included in every Literacy lesson and across the curriculum in Year 1. Children are encouraged to share thoughts, opinions and ideas in class through talking with peers, as a whole class and individually with adults.

Phonics

In Year 1 your child will continue to work on the Letters and Sounds Phonics programme which they started in Reception. This will include revision of initial and final consonants as well as focusing on Phases 3 to 5 of the Letters and Sounds scheme. Children will take part in a variety of phonics activities including simple games and songs, as well as follow up activities for each sound. In addition all Year 1 children are required to participate in the National Phonics Screening Check. In order to help prepare your child for this important test there are many useful resources available. If you have access to a tablet you can download Phonics based apps such as Twinkl and Mr Thorne does Phonics.

Spellings

Children do not start spelling tests until the spring term in Year 1. From January children will get 5 spellings per week, which will be linked with the weeks Literacy activities and/or Phonics. Children will receive their spellings on a Friday and will complete the spelling test the following Friday. Please encourage your children to practice their spellings in order to be prepared for the test.



Mathematics

Maths lessons begin with interactive starters and are then followed by focused activities relating to the National Curriculum.

In Year One we will cover such areas:

- Numbers to 20
- Addition to 10 (Including number bonds to 10)
- Subtraction to 10
- Time (days of the week, months of the year, o'clock, half past, analogue and digital clocks)
- 3D shapes
- 2D shapes
- Capacity
- Length
- Weight
- Handling Data
- Money
- Numbers beyond 20



It's always great to encourage children to include maths during their daily life.

Ways in which you can help include:

- a) Encourage your child to spot numbers when out and about.
- b) Encourage your child to talk about time and what time and day activities occur.



Science

During Year 1 children will be able to experience a variety of different Science topics.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
My Body/Ourselves - Different parts of the body & 5 senses.	Weather - Around the world and in the UK.	Plants
Animals including humans.	Materials - Use of materials and their properties. How can we change materials?	School Gardening

Topic

In Year 1 children will be learning about a variety of subjects through topic based learning. Topics will vary through-out the year but will generally link with the time of year and any festivals or events celebrated at that time. The two main topics we will be focusing on throughout the year will be **Famous People** and **Where in the World is Barnaby Bear?** Other topics may include fantasy based topics including Pirates and Superheroes. Through-out the year our Topic work will cover History, Geography, RE, PSHE, Computing, Art, Design and Technology and Music.



Topics include:

Famous People:

Vincent Van Gogh, Martin Luther King, Louis Braille, Florence Nightingale, Guy Fawkes, Samuel Pepys etc.
UK (England, N. Ireland, Scotland & Wales), Ireland, France, Brazil, Australia, India, Kenya, Poland, Denmark, Egypt, USA etc.

Where in the world is Barnaby Bear?

Trips/Visitors

Suitable trips and school visitors will be arranged to coincide with topics and themes through-out the year. Previous trips have included visits to the VUE cinema, Lancaster's Dukes Theatre, Beatrix Potter World, Fell Foot and Grizedale Forest.

Computing

At Dane Ghyll children are allocated a 1 hour session in the Computer room and can also use laptops and KS1 computers through-out the week. In Year 1 children use Computing to enhance their learning in other areas of the curriculum as well as learning basic Computing skills. Throughout the year they will cover a variety of different skills including:

- Communicating ideas
- Creating Music and Sounds
- Creating Pictures
- Data Handling
- Robotic Toys



Art/Design and Technology

Children will design and make things throughout the year linking with the topic when possible. They will have the opportunity to work with a variety of media including pencils, paints, pastels and fabrics. They will be focusing on skills such as cutting, gluing, colour mixing and shading. The children will also study the work of famous artists such as Van Gogh, Renoir and Monet and use these as a basis for their own work.



Religious Education

In RE children will learn about a variety of different religions and religious festivals. This will include Christianity, looking at different festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Children will also learn about churches and why they are an important building for Christians as well as reading and learning about Old and New Testament stories.



Music

As the music specialist at Dane Ghyll, Music is part of everyday life in the Year 1. Through-out Year 1 children will learn a variety of different simple songs with actions. They will also listen to variety of different pieces of music; ranging from classical to modern day. The children will also be given many opportunities to play a variety of untuned and tuned percussion as well as being able to create and accompany different pieces of music.



PE

PE days are on Monday and Friday. However, please ensure your child has their PE kit in everyday as this may change due to different scheduled activities. In Year 1 PE activities are:



Autumn	Spring	Summer
Gymnastics Dance	Dance Gymnastics (large apparatus)	Games/Ball Skills Athletics

I look forward to welcoming your child into Year 1. If you have any questions or queries please come and speak to me.

Miss V Noble