

# Esh C of E Primary

Monday 7th September 2020

Information for  
Parents - Class 1

# Timetable (Y1)

- English is taught every day in Y1 which will be a mixture of spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing, phonics, reading and handwriting.
- Children will be heard read individually or in a group at least twice per week and will also complete reading activities as part of their English work.
- Maths is taught every day in Y1. We follow the White Rose Maths Scheme for Maths Mastery with plenty of opportunity for problem solving indoors and outdoors.
- Reception Children also learn Maths using CBBC's Numberblocks.
- RE will be taught every week. Other Foundation Subjects will be once a week though some weeks we may focus on one subject more than others.

# Timetable (Reception)

- Most learning will be through practical activities and play with observations being taken by Class 1 staff. Learning will be a mixture of following the children's interests where they will lead their own learning and some adult led sessions for Phonics and Maths. The children will have access to different equipment that is set up permanently in class which will be added to and enhanced with items related to the topic or children's interests.
- Letters are taught every day the first half term. There will be four new sounds introduced each week with Friday consolidating the ones previously learnt. They will learn the sound, what it looks like, how to write it correctly and how to put the sounds together in reading and spelling.
- Children will move to reading books individually and in groups after half term or after Christmas.
- Whole group maths will not be taught every day. Some maths concepts will be modelled with groups
- RE will be taught every week. Most other subjects will be once a week.

# P.E

- Just Y1 children are having PE lessons this half term. This will be on a Monday afternoon and the children will come into school in their PE kits. It will take place in our school hall for this half term.
- The school P.E kit is a white t-shirt and blue shorts - jogging bottoms or tracksuits can be worn in colder weather. Trainers or PE plimsolls can be worn.
- Lessons will be taught by a combination of school staff and coaches from the School Sports Partnership or other sports organisations.

# Home Reading

- Children will have reading records to be filled in when they read at home
- I would like everyone to read at home every day even if just for 5 minutes (or as much as possible). This makes a significant impact on their learning.
- The reading records have space for 5 signatures over a week - please sign the book when your child has read, either independently or to you
- Most books that we send home now will be online ebooks. We do like real books to be used too, so any books sent home will be from our reading schemes in class. They will usually be different from the Floppy's Phonics books they read in school but are carefully matched to ensure the children are practising the sounds they need.
- Logins for the Floppy's Phonics scheme will be sent out at a later date.
- Libraries have many scheme books and a good website to supplement the books we use in school is [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) which has many free e-books from a variety of schemes - this has more ebooks in addition to the ones allocated.

# Spelling

- Children in Y1 will have spellings every week. They will be put on our new eSchools portal on a Friday to learn for the following Friday.
- Children in Y1 have at least 54 spelling patterns to learn during the year. Spelling is a large proportion of the writing assessment and also aids fluency in reading.
- Spellings will consist of alternative spelling patterns, high frequency words and other patterns e.g. word endings
- Please practise at least twice at home.

# Phonics (Y1)

- Children in Y1 will begin to bring new sounds home in the first half term. Please practise the new sound and any reading or spelling that links to it.
- Please practise the sounds as often as you can. Children in Y1 will take a Phonics test in June 2020 so practise will help towards this. I will send examples of 'alien' words to practise building at home which will also help the children with the Phonics test.

# Expectations in Y1

- In English the children will be expected to progress through a range of skills in spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, reading, writing and handwriting. These will be available on Class 1's section of the school website.
- The coverage for Maths from White Rose will also be available.
- We will try and keep activities as practical as possible.
- Children will continue to access the toys/equipment in the classroom to develop their own learning and practice skills.



# Phonics (Reception)

- We are introducing a brand new Phonics Scheme - Floppy's Phonics once the children are settled in school.
- Sounds will be stuck in purple sound books for them to practise at home. *Please bring these back every day in case a new sound needs to be put in.*
- Please practise the sounds as often as you can and practise putting them together to make words like sat, pin, map etc
- A virtual meeting on how to help your child with phonics and reading at home will be arranged in the next couple of weeks.

# Maths Homework

- Children in Y1 will get one piece of maths per week to learn linked to what they are doing in class. It may be a few calculations, a game on a website or a some other practical maths activity. This will be put on our new eSchools portal on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday.
- They will also be given login details to Numbots that practises addition and subtraction calculations in a fun way by playing games online.