



Welcome to FCJ

Year 1
Mrs Ferdinando

2023-2024

Expectations for Year 1

- * The beginning of the school year is a time for remembering FCJ expectations e.g. listening, taking turns when speaking, taking responsibility for their belongings.
- * The children have made a wonderful start and we would appreciate it if you could encourage your child in these areas.

General Equipment

- * Art apron
- * Water bottle
- * Please make sure **all** equipment is labelled with your child's name.
- * Stationary is provided for the children. No pencil cases required.

A curriculum newsletter is sent out at the start of every term.

RE

This term we are learning all about the Creation story. Throughout the first half term the children will develop their knowledge of how God created the universe. They will also have a chance to deepen their understanding of parables from the Old Testament as we focus on some of the Psalms from the Bible.

English

We will begin by focusing on the story 'The Rainbow Fish' and then continue to study books link to our 'Under the Sea' topic. The children will have opportunities to write a postcard, character descriptions as well as develop their speaking and listening skills through hot seating. We will be focusing on spelling, punctuation, and grammar on a weekly basis. They will also practise their letter formation and sentence composition. Phonics is also a key element of our English curriculum, and the children will be practising these on a daily basis.

Maths

We will begin the year by focusing on counting forwards and backwards to 100 from any given number. The children will begin to read and write numbers from 1 -20 in numerals and words. Time will be spent learning the place value of two-digit numbers.

Creative Curriculum

Our topic for this term is 'Under the Sea'. The children will be taking a journey to the deepest depths of the oceans as we dive into life underwater. We will also be learning about our beaches and coastline. Using geographical language, we will explain what we can see.

Music

The children will learn new songs, explore percussion instruments, and find out about different rhythmic values.

Welcome to Year 1.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead in Year 1. The children are re-energised and enthusiastic to be back at school and we are very much looking forward to continuing to watch the children grow and thrive in their new classes.

Year 1 Termly Newsletter



AOB

- Please ensure all children have full uniform that is clearly labelled.
- Please remember we are **a nut free school**. Please provide your child with a healthy snacks, **fruit**, or **vegetables** in the morning. Please no crisps for morning snack.
- Please ensure that your child has two water bottles in school, one to be left in the classroom and one in their lunch bag.
- White trainers are required for all P.E. sessions. Plimsolls should be kept in school.
- Children also need to bring in a coat on P.E. days, especially when it is cold. Year 1's P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday.
- Please can you ensure that your child arrives promptly to school; Year 1 can arrive from 8.30am through main doors. Please also ensure that pick up is prompt for both home time (3pm for Key Stage One), and after school activity clubs (KS1 clubs 4pm/ KS2 clubs 4.10pm).
- Children must have an apron for their Art sessions on a Friday.
- To maximise learning time, the children will no longer stop for an afternoon snack (they eat lunch between 11.50 and 12.20). However, if your child attends an FCJ activity club, they may eat a small snack before this begins.

Science

This term our topic is Animals, including humans. The children will be learning about our senses, identifying, naming and label the basic parts of the human body They will also identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

Computing

The children will be learning to log on to the computers independently. They will be introduced to different programmes and have the opportunity to explore them in depth. Our focus this term is "Technology in our lives". The children will also have numerous opportunities to use the iPads.

PE

This term our focus will be fundamental skills. This will involve skipping, running and jumping to improve gross motor skills. The children will just need to wear their normal PE kit on both days.

French

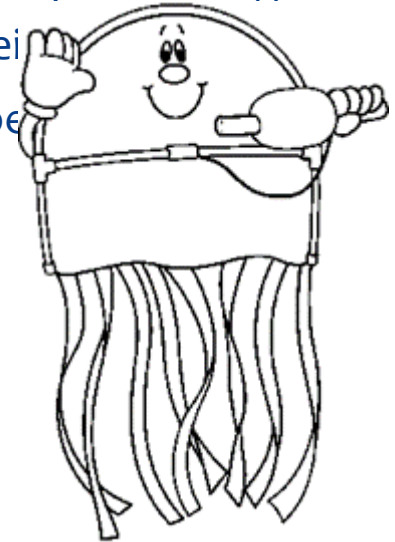
The children will participate in a variety of songs, games, and role play activities to learn simple greetings, how to say their name and numbers to 10 in French.

Autumn Term Trip

This term we are planning a visit to the RNLI station to learn about RNLI's lifesaving work as a charity and beach and sea safety, as well as lifeboats in general.

English Cards

- *Some children will be continuing to work towards their Phonics badge and will have an additional card with the required phonic sounds (**Phonics card**).
- *In Year 1 each child has a card with key words to read and spell (**Bronze reading and spelling card**). When children complete their Bronze badge, they will be given a **Silver card** to start to learn a new set of words.
- *These cards contain detailed instructions for you to support your child with their learning.
- *The aim is for every child to be exposed to the vocabulary for their year group with the goal of them being able to read and write these words independently within their year group.
- *There are celebration certificates and badges for when these cards have been completed.



Homework

All homework and reading books will be given out on a Monday. Please make sure reading records are always in your child's book bag. Books will be changed every Monday providing all books have been read and recorded.

*At the beginning of October, spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Their spelling test book will be sent home every half term for your child to share how well they have done. More details will be sent at the start of October.

Reading

- *When reading with your child please focus on expression, fluency and their comprehension of the text.
- *Please ensure that you are reading with your child during the week and making a record of this in their reading records.
- *Please make positive comments in your child's reading diary. If you have a concern about reading, please come and see us to discuss this further.
- *We also encourage the children to make a comment in their reading journal from time to time.
- *Children's books will be changed when a comment has been recorded.



Snacks/Lunch



- * Please remember we are a nut-free school. This includes spreads such as Nutella and pesto sauce.
- * Your child **must** have a water bottle in school, which they are able to re-fill at set points during the day.
- * Morning snack should be a healthy snack, such as fruit or vegetables. Other snacks (crisps / biscuits should be eaten at lunchtime). We will always encourage the children to pick their healthy option at break.
- * At lunch, children are encouraged to eat their savoury options first. Please ensure they have all utensils required for their lunch, as we are unable to provide cutlery etc.

What a fantastic start!

- *We are delighted with the way the children have settled into Year 1 so far.
- *We understand this big jump from Reception but all the children are doing great!
- *We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead.
- *Thank you for all your support-when we work together we make a great team!

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