

Engage, Enquire, Excel at Millfield

Welcome back!






It has been so lovely to welcome you back to school for the start of your Year 1 journey. The children have embraced the new learning challenges within our continuous provision and showed enthusiasm for both guided and independent learning in small groups. Well done Year 1, what a fantastic start to the academic year.






Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to your support.

Mrs Boekee and Miss Panks

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Weekly spellings will be set on a Friday and sent home along with reading books.**
- PE will normally be on Wednesday and Thursday. Although this is subject to timetable changes. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school all week and is able to remove earrings if worn.

<p>English Using the text 'Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke the children will create their own adventure story! After reading 'Sidney Stella and the Moon' by Emma Yarlett, our main writing outcome will be writing a fact file about the moon. 'The Odd Egg' by Emily Gravett, will inspire us to write a non-fiction report about bird spotting. We complete the term with 'Leo and the Octopus' by Isabelle Marinov and Chris Nixon. We will explore and discuss how everyone is different and how it is important to be considerate and respectful to how individuals feel.</p> 	<p>PSHE In PSHE Our focus will be 'building relationships', focusing on a range of activities that will help enable children to develop new friendships and think about new situations and welcoming children to our school.</p> 
<p>Maths This term In maths, we will be focusing on number and place value which include ordering and comparing numbers, as well as consolidating counting skills from Reception. We will soon begin to look at adding and subtracting numbers within 10. We will then look at different ways of representing ten and were introduced to the part-whole model.</p> 	<p>Religion and World Views Through learning about religious celebrations, we will begin to understand how Christians celebrate Harvest and the Christian beliefs of looking after the world.</p> 
<p>Science This term children will learn that humans are a type of animal known as a mammal. They learn about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe. Children learn about animals, identify and describe their common structures, diets, and how animals should be cared for.</p>	<p>PE In PE we will cover a Dance unit where we will focus on sequencing movements and in Gymnastics we will learn how to 'rock' and 'roll' our bodies in different ways. Our games units cover basic ball skills and agility.</p> 

<p>History In history our topic is 'Childhood' where we will look at how we change and grow over time. We will think about how our responsibilities develop and what special moments and celebrations are important to us.</p> 	<p>Computing This term we will teach children how to understand basic algorithms by following instructions and programming 'BeeBots'. We will then focus on creating eBooks by recording audio and inserting images.</p>
<p>Art We will be using drawing, collage and mark-making to explore spirals and introducing sketchbooks. We then move on to study sculpture and how we can manipulate materials to create 3D birds.</p> 	<p>French The children will be learning about the country of France itself. They will be having fun learning how to greet people in France and introduce themselves. Counting in French, learning our age and birthday will also be a focus.</p> 
<p>Music This term we will be focusing on recognising high and low pitched notes and moving to music in different ways following a steady beat. We will then use a range of musical instruments to keep the beat. After listening to various music types we will discuss how the music makes us feel and give our opinions about if we enjoy it or not.</p> 	<p>Geography In Geography we will begin by learning what geography is, including the differences between human and physical features. We will look at maps and what directional language means. We will expand on this by looking at locations around the world and comparing hot and cold places.</p> 

Useful Information

Reading: Please try to read with your child daily. Children will be bringing home two books as part of their homework. One book is their reading book and is matched to your child's phonics level. Please encourage your child to re-read their reading book, and question them to ensure they have fully understood it. These will be changed every Friday, so please ensure the book is returned on Thursday. The second book is a 'Reading for Pleasure' book which your child has chosen themselves. Please share it with your child and enjoy reading for pleasure.

PE: PE lessons will be taught on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure you have your indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week and ensure earrings are removed.

Coats: As the weather starts to become colder can you please bring a coat in every day.

Water Bottles: Can water bottles (containing water only) please be brought to school daily.

Useful websites- for both children and parents

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - Phonics games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - Number bond game

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/ks1> - KS1 book suggestions

E-safety: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - Stay safe online