



# Welcome to Year 1

Year 1 Teachers:

Mrs Turner and Mrs Pasqualino

Year 1 Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Bates am

Mrs Magness pm

## Our Curriculum

Following the National Curriculum, the school is able to provide a wide range of activities but places the greatest emphasis on making sure that all children are at a good level of literacy and numeracy by the time they leave our school at age 11. We value these basic skills because they form the building blocks of future learning. As mentioned previously, the curriculum is planned in a very integrated and applied way, where many subjects are practically linked in a topic based approach. ICT is seen as an essential part of all subjects.

### Mathematics

Within school, from Year 1 to Year 6, we use a mathematics development programme (Assertive Mentoring) which bases itself on pre and post testing procedures. Children are tested on their Year Group's expectations and then areas of work are then planned from the results. In addition, within each area of maths being taught, smaller pre and post assessment tasks are completed by the children so that progress can clearly be monitored on a shorter term basis.

For more information on Mathematics please follow the link below:

<http://www.deeping-st-james.lincs.sch.uk/maths.asp>

### English

#### Writing

Writing, and the progression of writing, is hugely important. We have just embarked on using a programme called Active English, which focusses on grammar and punctuation, and the development of it, from Year R to Year 6. It is taught in an intensive and fun

way, relating particular grammar elements to picture clues and actions. This grammar and punctuation is then applied in the children's writing.

### **Spelling and Reading**

The basis of all our reading and spelling teaching is phonics. These are taught from Year R using a mixture of Ruth Miskin and Letters and Sounds. In Key Stage 2 the Ruth Miskin Get Spelling programme is used alongside the teaching of the National Curriculum spelling requirements. Within reading - comprehension of the text being read becomes an increasingly important part as the children move up the school.

For more information on phonics and reading please follow the link below:

<http://www.deeping-st-james.lincs.sch.uk/reading.asp>

## **Year 1 - Topics to look forward to**

### **Our Topics**

Our approach to learning is centred around ....

#### **Term 1 All about Deeping**

In Science the topic is all about our senses. In Geography we will learn about where we live, the local area and map skills. In Art the children will learn how to mix colours effectively and proficiently. In RE the focus is on beliefs in God. The PSHE covers Health and Wellbeing focusing on keeping healthy. Computing will include using a computer, iPads and Beebots and learning to how to programme.

#### **Term 2 Fact or Fiction?**

In Science the children learn about seasonal changes. The History topic is The Gunpowder Plot and Remembrance Sunday. DT to design, make and evaluate a moving picture. The RE topic will be the topic of 'Thankfulness'. The PSHE topic is all about relationships, focusing on social friendships. Computing will include using a computer, iPads and Beebots and learning to how to programme. We also visit the PANTO!!!

### **Term 3 Man on the Moon**

In Science we learn about materials and their uses in everyday items. In History the children will astound you with their knowledge of Man on the Moon! In Art the focus is on the artist Jackson Pollock and the class get to produce Jackson Pollock inspired artwork using various transport materials. In RE the children will be exploring Islam and their belief in God. PSHE the topic is Economic Wellbeing. Computing will include using a computer, iPads and Beebots and learning to how to programme.

### **Term 4 A Right Royal Knees Up**

In Science the children will continue to learn about materials. In History the children learn about Queen Victoria. They get to experience a Victorian handwriting class and a possible visit to Burghley House to organise and attend a Royal tea party. In DT the children design and make a purse for the Queen to keep all her jewels safe. In RE the children learn about the Christian view of being human. In PSHE the topic will be understanding emotional wellbeing. Computing will include using a computer, iPads and Beebots and learning to how to programme.

### **Term 5 Animals Around the World**

In PE the children are dancing around the World! They are also preparing for whole school sports morning. In Science the topic all about plants. In Geography the children will learn about weather in the UK and around the World. In Art will be focusing on water colour using the young British artist Jamie Taylor for inspiration. In RE the children will learn about the Islamic view of being human. Computing

will include using a computer, iPads and Beebots and learning to how to programme. We like to visit the zoo this term too!

### **Term 6 Seaside Adventures**

In Science the topic is all about animals. In Geography the children will be comparing Deeping St James with towns in Norfolk. DT will focus on food technology linked to our seaside topic. The RE topic is Thankfulness, a reflect of the year and topic taught in Year 1. The PSHE topic is changes which will support them with their transition and journey into Year 2!

## Other Essentials

### School Uniform

Our school uniform is smart and attractive and very popular with both children and parents. We have a policy in school not to allow jewellery. No necklaces, rings or earrings to be worn, apart from studs. This is largely a health and safety issue. If your child is to have their ears pierced, please can parents ensure that it is done in a longer school holiday as the children will have to be able to take them out themselves for PE and swimming. Staff are not allowed to do this for them. It is also against school policy for children to have dyed hair or hair styles that are out of the ordinary.

- Grey trousers (girls and boys)
  - Grey skirt or pinafore
- Polo shirt (jade green) with logo
  - Sweatshirt (navy) with logo
  - Cardigan for girls (navy)
- Grey socks/tights (white in summer)
  - Summer blue checked dress
- Smart black shoes - no trainers or boots

**PE Kit** - The school PE kit is navy shorts, white t-shirt with logo and trainers. Children can wear navy jogging bottoms and jumper in colder weather.

Children are encouraged to bring water bottles into school so they can keep hydrated throughout the school day. Please ensure that your child's bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

## Surviving in Year 1!!!

### Homework

We believe that children greatly increase their potential if they reinforce what they learn in school in their home environment.

- Mrs Pasqualino will teach your child on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs Turner will teach your child on Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday.

**This year as a school we are having a large push on core skills, this includes, spelling, reading and mental maths (number bonds, leading onto times tables). Therefore, homework will look different from the previous 'learning logs'. Please see homework sheet for more information.**

Reading: As little as 20 minutes a day can have a dramatic effect on your child's confidence and ability. Early on in Reception and KS1 we will send books home with your child. As the children become free readers, further up the school, they will be able to choose their own book, but all children will have a reading record for you to sign and add any comments you may have. This will also be used to check the range of reading material your child is reading. Common words and phonic patterns are also included in the Reading Record to help you and your child.

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