



# KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Curriculum Letter



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome to KS1. Our class is also called Owl Class!



I hope that you all had a restful summer and that you are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. We have been so impressed with how well all the children have resettled into school life and how quickly they have made our new pupils feel welcome.

## English

Our first topic this half term will focus on stories with a familiar setting. We will be investigating the stories written by Shirley Hughes, with particular focus on 'Dogger'. Children will research and act out the story before planning their own version.

After that, we will begin to look at non-fiction writing. We will be writing job adverts and newspaper reports linked to our topic: Iceberg Straight Ahead!

The children will continue to revise and extend their knowledge of spellings and sounds including: 'silent b', 'w' and 'k', 'wh', 'ph', 'ea', soft 'c', and 'g', 'wa', 'ou', 'air', in words and sentences.

Grammar will focus on nouns, verbs and adjectives and the importance of a full stop.

## Maths

In maths, we are learning to extend our knowledge in the areas of:

- Place value and counting on and back with numbers up to 100
- Addition and subtraction
- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
- Addition and Subtraction with money

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An important aspect of mathematics is to apply this knowledge to problem solving and investigations. This means that a component of mathematics taught must be to reason, question, reflect and discuss strategies in order to answer questions.

### **Topic**

Topic encompasses geography, history, art and design technology. This term our topic is Iceberg ahead! We will be investigating the story of the Titanic. Looking at how the ship was built, who would have worked on the ship and the journey it took as it crossed to America.

In the second half term we shall continue with the artic theme and investigate our Frozen Planet. Both topics will allow children to use a variety of maps and begin to learn about compass direction. We will also look at the story of Christmas and be practicing our eagerly awaited Nativity.

### **Science**

This term we are looking at our own amazing bodies and how they work. We will begin by identifying the main parts of our body before taking a closer look at inside the body. Children will learn about the bones within their bodies and how they work with muscles to make us move. We shall also explore the main organs within our body and why it is important to keep healthy and eat a balanced diet.

### **RE**

In this half term we shall be investigating the big question: Who should we follow? Within this unit we shall read and discuss the story of Joshua. Children will think about who leads them and what attributes these leaders have. The children shall also learn about the importance of giving thanks at Harvest time and will be involved in delivering gifts to the local community. After half term, the focus shall be on the true meaning of Christmas and the Nativity story. It is always a very exciting time!

### **Computing**

What is an algorithm? This term we are putting on our technology hats and beginning to think about this big question. We will begin by looking at the meaning of this technical term, before looking at how to sequence instructions and make a robot move in a specific direction. The children will have lots of fun using our Beebot robots and the Probots shared between the local small schools.

### **Art**

In Art, our work will reflect our Titanic topic, leading to making and studying a variety of images of the Titanic and exploring the medium of charcoal and paint.

### **PE/Games**

PE will now change to a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child brings in their full PE kit for this day. On Thursdays the children will take part in team games and skipping as part of our active program of health and exercise.

### **Homework**

#### **Reading, spelling and mathematics continue to be the focus of our homework in Owl Class**

Reading books will continue to be changed as children require. We encourage changing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please continue to record in your child's yellow book every time you read with them.

New spellings continue to be given out every **Monday**. We encourage the children to practice their spellings every day using the look, cover, write, say and spell method. We would also like them to practise using the words in a sentence.

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### **Curriculum Meeting**

We would like to invite you to a curriculum meeting at 9am next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, where we will explain a little more about what the children are learning.

### **Other Information**

Music will continue to be taught by Mrs. Tullie and Chef will be cooking up a storm in the kitchen with the children!

Mrs. Stockdale shall be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays

Mrs. Downie will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs. Clifford shall team teach on Tuesday or Friday and Wednesday afternoons in order to support with the transition into a larger class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us to arrange a convenient time to meet.

### **Useful Dates**

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September - **Reception Curriculum meeting in school, 9am – everyone welcome**
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September - **PSALMS cake sale 3pm – any contributions of cakes to the sale will be greatly appreciated**
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - **Harvest Festival Service at Little Missenden Church, 10.30pm**
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October - **PSALMS coffee morning, after drop off at Costa Great Missenden Wednesday**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Emma Downie' and the second signature on the right is 'Mrs Stockdale'.

Mrs Downie

Mrs Stockdale

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