



**Mrs Attanasio**



**Ms Fitzpatrick**

## **Welcome to Year 1**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer with your children.

This letter outlines what we will be covering in Year 1 this term. Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Attanasio and Ms Fitzpatrick. Ms Fitzpatrick will be teaching Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Attanasio will be teaching Thursday- Friday. Mrs Papuc is our teaching assistant.

### **English**

All children will have daily English lessons. Some groups work with the teacher on a focused activity whilst others work independently. We look at both fiction and non-fiction genres of writing. Children will be doing animal descriptions, drawing & labelling, instructions for making party food, a recount of our nature trip and story writing.

### **Phonics**

We have daily phonics sessions, in which children focus on sound recognition in reading and spelling using the Letters & Sounds and Ruth Miskin programmes. One of the main focus areas for this term will be revising groups of letter sounds e.g. ng, ee and ai. In addition the children will be focussing on recognising and writing keywords which are difficult to sound out phonetically called 'high frequency words' e.g. the, we, my and into.

Phonics screening Check (National programme) takes place during the Summer term for all children in Year 1.

### **Reading**

Reading takes place during English lessons, guided reading sessions and throughout the curriculum. Your child will be given a reading book and reading record library book (that you can share with them). Please sign the comment on your child's reading. When reading we focus on comprehension skills as well as reading skills. Children will be heard read on Friday and books changed on Friday.

## **Maths**

This term there will be a focus on counting groups of objects, finding one more and one less, ordering number, writing numbers, using the number line and learning number bonds to 10. Children will also cover the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and measuring & comparing length and height.

## **Science**

In Science children will be learning about a selection of common plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will also learn about the main parts of plants and trees, such as roots, stems, trunks and leaves. The children will also investigate and name a variety of common animals, including mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

## **Creative Curriculum**

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a BIG surprise! Foxes and badgers, voles and mice, beady-eyed owls in the swaying tree tops. Beneath the leaves are tiny footprints....animal or imp? You decide....Our first topic is enchanted woodland.

## **PSHE**

We will start the year by setting into our new class, establishing rules and routines, getting to know one another and learning how to work and play in a harmonious way. We will focus on feeling positive about ourselves and taking care of our environment.

## **RE**

In RE we will be focussing on Judaism. We will be looking at how Jewish people live and compare this to how Christians live. We will also be looking at Jewish artefacts, symbols and beliefs.

## **Computing**

In Computing we will be doing basic ICT skills and focus on the painting program. We will also be introducing and using Mathletics & Reading Eggs as part of our curriculum.

## **PE**

PE lessons will be on a Tuesday. Please remember to wear your full PE uniform to school. In addition to this, children should also wear a coat if the weather is cold. This half term, we will focus on dancing and then move on to games.

## **Teaching Routine**

**Monday** - Mrs Attanasio and Ms Fitzpatrick

**Tuesday** - Ms Fitzpatrick - PE (Please come into school in your PE kits)

**Wednesday** - Children will swim and have art AM (for the first 2 weeks swimming organised)

differently - please see separate timetable on the attached document) and Ms Fitzpatrick in the afternoon

- Home learning tasks will be posted on Wednesday and handed in on the following Wednesday (This will commence on 22nd September)

**Thursday** - Ms Fitzpatrick AM and Mrs Attanasio PM

- Thursday send in Reading books - will be returned on Friday afternoon

**Friday** - Mrs Attanasio

- Weekly 'How to help at home' letter - information about our week's learning and the week ahead. Posted on google classroom for you to access on Fridays
- Reading day - Book bags returned to children

We look forward to an enjoyable term ahead with your children. Any queries please do not hesitate us.

Rosaria Attanasio and Nicola Fitzpatrick