

Years 1 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Our topic this term is The Great Outdoors

Over the term the children in Year 1 will be learning about the following:

Maths Units of work will be; addition and subtraction to 20, place value to 50, length and height and weight and volume. We will be working on times table challenges this term. A fabulous website for practicing times tables is Top Marks, particularly the hit the button game https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button		English Units of work will be senses poetry, instructions, recounts, traditional tales and fables and non-chronological reports. The children are currently working hard in their phonics lessons ready for the phonics screening check in the summer term. Regular reading at home will hugely benefit the children with their reading in school. Grammar and spellings are taught within our phonics and English sessions.	
Science At the beginning of the term, we will be learning about animals including humans. As part of this we will be learning names for body parts. Later in the term, we will be learning about plants, developing our scientific research skills and learning about seasonal changes from Winter to Spring.	ICT We will be discussing online safety, Lego Builders, Maze Explorers and animated stories.	Geography We will be learning about the United Kingdom, naming and labelling the countries and learning the continents of the world. In Spring 2 we will be looking at weather patterns and observing changes over time in our environment.	History We will be looking at the life of Wangari Matthai, why she is important and why she won the Nobel Peace prize.
PE Our PE day will be on a Thursday. PE lessons will be led by specialist coaches this term.	RE We will be asking the big question 'What makes some places sacred?'	Music In our music lessons we will be learning songs relating to colour. We will also be learning about composers from the Romantic period.	Art/DT In Art, we will focus on painting and printing. We will look at Sunflowers by Van Gogh. Our DT will look at healthy eating, fruit and vegetables.

PSHE Themes

We will be thinking about what helps us to stay healthy.

We will also think about why money is important and how we can use it.

Homework:

A creative homework menu will be sent out and children are expected to complete one piece each fortnight.

Each week there will also be a piece of homework set on Education City.

All children will also have their times tables challenge to work on.

Please encourage your child to:

Come into school ready to learn.

Be in the correct school uniform.

Read at home to an adult on a daily basis.

Complete weekly homework and timetables practise.

Wear the appropriate, named, PE kit on Thursdays.

Remember no earrings to be worn on PE days.

General Notices:

We are asking that all children bring their own named bottle of water each day. Filled with fresh water, not juice/squash, please.

Should you need to talk to Mrs. O'Donnell please either; write a note in the home/school contact book or leave a message via the office, via teachers@hinguar.secat.co.uk.

Hinguar Star

Children who have read to an adult (and had their contact book signed) 5 times during the week will receive their Hinguar Star.

All children will be allocated a phonetically decodable book to read to you in the form of an ebook on the Collins website and a challenge book, which they select themselves. The challenge book, which has a wider, more challenging vocabulary, should be read together. Books will be changed on your child's reading day in class.