

## Years 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to a new school year.

Our topic this term is Terrific Toys.

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

<b>Maths</b> Units of work will be: Place value Number facts and counting Addition and subtraction Shape Children will also take part in a daily maths lesson where mental skills are practised and we will be working on times table challenges.		<b>English</b> The texts that we will cover this term are: The Colour Monster (fiction). It's the Bear (fiction), Firework Night (poetry) and Toys From the Past (non-fiction).  Regular phonics, grammar and handwriting are also taught as part of English lessons. We will also teach spelling within English and Phonics lessons.	
<b>Science</b>  We will be developing our enquiry and research skills and learning about the human body and materials. We will also be thinking about seasonal changes from Autumn to Winter.	<b>ICT</b>  We will be discussing online safety, technology outside of school and grouping and sorting.	<b>Geography</b>  We will be looking at daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and recording this in a weather diary.	<b>History</b>  We will be comparing toys from the past, (within living memory) to current toys. We will also be learning about the significant event of the Gunpowder plot and Remembrance Day.
<b>PE</b>  Our PE day will be a Wednesday - please remember no earrings. Swimming will return this term, more information to follow.	<b>RE</b>  We will be asking the big question 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?'	<b>Music</b>  In music, we will be looking at how to use voices expressively and exploring percussion. Our Music units will be Hey You and Christmas.	<b>Art/DT</b>  In Art, we will focus on drawing with control. We will look at the artist Piet Mondrian. Our DT will look at creating moving pictures using sliders.

### PSHE Themes

We will be thinking about what is the same and what is different about us. We will also be reflecting on who is important to us.

### Homework:

In Year 1, a creative homework menu will be sent out and children are expected to complete one piece each fortnight.

We will share the Colour Monster stories and explore different feelings using the Zones of Regulation.

We have a special bear in Oyster class called Barney, who loves to read!. Every Friday, those children who have read to an adult at home 5 or more times during the week will be put into a draw and have the opportunity to take Barney home for some weekend reading.

Each week, there will also be a piece of English or Maths homework set on Education City.

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

### Visits and Visitors:

This term we are hoping to secure an interactive workshop within school about the Gunpowder Plot.

### Please encourage your child to:

Come into school ready to learn.

Be in the correct school uniform.

Be in the playground between 8.35 and 8.45.

Read at home to an adult daily.

Complete weekly homework and timetables practise.

Wear the appropriate, named, PE kit on Wednesdays. 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 Oakley, please either; write a note in the home/school contact book, leave a message via the office, email [teachers@hinguar.secat.co.uk](mailto:teachers@hinguar.secat.co.uk) or catch her at the end of the school day. Please wait until she has ensured all children are with their parents before coming to speak to her as this helps to ensure the children's safety.

### **Hinguar Star**

If your child reads to an adult (and has had their contact book signed) 5 times during the week, they are able to achieve their Hinguar Star.

Your child will bring home a phonetically decodable book to read with you 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 weekly. Reading record books will be checked daily for messages.