

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2023

Palm Tree Class

Dear families,

Hello and welcome Palm Tree!

I am thrilled to be working with the students again in Palm Tree class, as we continue growing and learning together.

We have had an incredible start to the schooling year, remembering and recalling a lot of what we have learnt previously.

I cannot wait to build upon each child's learning to extend them at every opportunity, and I look forward to working closely with parents and carers in doing so.

Miss Donnelly



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
 - Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates

A colorful poster with a blue background and autumn leaves. At the top, it says '06.09.23 - 20.10.23' and 'Important dates for: Autumn First Half Term 2023'. Below this are several orange boxes with dates and descriptions of events.

22nd September **Jeans for Genes Day**
Children wear Jeans and bring £1 for charity!
(School jumper and shoes as normal)

September & October **Meet the Teacher sessions (at 8:45 - 9:45am)**
Monday 25th September - Year 4 Tuesday 26th September - Year 6
Friday 29th September - Year 5 Monday 2nd October - Year 1
Wednesday 4th October - Year 2 Monday 9th October - Year 3

27th September 8:45am **MacMillan's World's biggest Coffee Morning**
We invite parents to bring a cake and join with other parents for a lovely morning of coffee and chat as we raise money for MacMillan.

3rd October 8:45am **Parent's Coffee morning:**
Learning to read (Phonics) in Reception
We will be exploring how children in Reception are learning to read and how you can support at home.

11th October 8:45am **Parent's Coffee morning:**
Learning to read (Phonics) in Year 1 and 2
We will be exploring how children in year 1 and 2 are learning to read and how you can support at home.

18th October 8:45am **Parent's Coffee morning:**
Online Safety Meeting
Exploring the current risks, understanding age restrictions and top hints and tips to stay safe.

20th October **Last Day of Half term**
School ends @3:30pm

Reading

In reading lessons, we will follow the RWI scheme, children will practise skills such as segmenting and blending to read words, partner talk and comprehension. You can support your child by reading with them daily and books will be given weekly, please do return them so new books can be given.

RE

This term focuses on Christianity, specifically the creation story. Children will begin to understand why it is important to care for our world and immediate surroundings. RE lessons will be rich in discussions and opportunities in which your child can ask and answer questions.

Computing

This term your child will understand the meaning of an 'algorithm'. They will learn to use directional language to plan a route that will later be used to direct a Beebot from one location to another.

PE days

PE this term is on **Mondays**. Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE uniform.

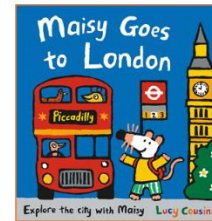
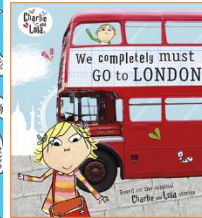
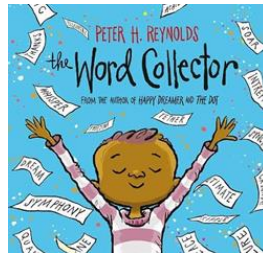
Writing

Our writing cycle follows the sequence of a recount and then retelling a story. Learning a story through a story map will help the children to understand chronological order and sentence structure. The cycle allows for children to become authors as they develop their spelling and punctuation. There will be a focus on letter formation as well as phonics within each writing session.



This half term in Year 1 we are thinking, learning and remembering...

Our class reader this half term is...



Maths

This term we will be focusing on place value, children will learn fundamental counting skills and begin to understand the relationships between numbers up to 10 and beyond. Throughout the term we will be developing key language and the ability to reason and justify.

History / Geography

Our topic this term is 'On The Bus'. Your child will be developing navigational skills such as map reading and using a compass. As well as this, we will be using observation skills to help annotate and discuss images of London in the past and present.

Science

Science this term is closely linked to our learning in geography. We will explore London and observe the weather through the comfort of a bus. Exploring language, investigation, and observation skills across the term. We will use simple equipment to measure and record data

