



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It goes without saying that we have had an unusual start to the term! We would like to thank you for all you have been doing at home and the ways you and the children have adapted to the situation we find ourselves in. Normally at the start of term we would send you a letter telling you all about our learning for the term and giving an overview of topic. Apologies that we are a little later sending this out this term!

Our Topic

Our topic this Spring term in Year One is “Heroes”. No doubt there are many heroes that spring to mind. In addition to superheroes, we will be thinking about people who help us (police, firefighters, nurses etc), the children’s personal heroes, fictional heroes and heroes from the past.

We will be focussing in science on everyday materials which hopefully is a topic that lends itself well to learning at home. In Geography we will look at seasonal and daily weather patterns and identify the UK on a map and find out about its surrounding seas. In history we will be finding out about the lives of famous people from the past who have positively impacted our world and in art we will find out about pattern. In PSHCE we will look at setting goals and ‘It’s good to be me’ and in RE we will think about why and how we care about people.

English – The children had made such a good start with their writing in the Autumn term of Year 1 and we are keen to build on this. We will explore a variety of stories and non – fiction and use our topic as a stimulus for much of our writing. We will continue to encourage writing neatly in good sentences, linking with connectives (such as and, but, so, because), using capital letters and full stops correctly and using adjectives (describing words). Learning and using correctly spelt basic key words is also important. Our phonics work will include building on the sounds taught this year and looking at alternative ways of representing the same phoneme. We will be continuing to use the Letters and Sounds Home Learning videos on a daily basis and are pleased that the children are responding well to these. Thank you for keeping up with your child’s reading at home. You have hopefully seen that reading books are available in the school foyer if you would like to change them. Regular reading with your child is vital in Year 1, it really is a key to most other learning and important to become increasingly fluent. This should be a short session of about ten minutes most days to enable your child to practise their phonic skills and to recognise tricky words by sight. Reading regularly also supports them in their spelling and writing. As well as using books you may have at home there are also online options - Reading Eggs (ask if

you need your child's password) and also Oxford owl have great free eBooks <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> where you can select books according to the colour band your child is reading.

Maths – In maths this term we will be covering addition and subtraction within 20 and place value of numbers to 50 up to half term, moving on to measuring length and height, weighing and capacity after half term. You will see from the children's packs where they are up to with their Maths Passport. These are ongoing targets and we appreciate your support with working on these at home.

Over the coming weeks while children are at home, we will be phoning to say hello and see how things are going. These calls may come from the school number or a withheld number on days when staff are working at home. Once again we would like to thank you for all you are doing at home to support your child's learning. Please do get in contact with us via Tapestry or email year1@shireoak.online if you have any concerns or questions.

Please take care and remember we are here if you need us!

Year 1 team

Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Hopkins, Ms Strange and Mrs Atwal