



# Miss Finney's Class

## R/1

Curriculum Flyer  
Autumn Term 2021

Welcome back! Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas, which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the autumn term. Please note, that the list is a summary and is subject to change over the course of the term. It does, however, offer a little information to enable you to further support your child's learning. Our cross-curricular topic is Significant Individuals.


### Literacy

In line with the national curriculum and the new Early Years Framework, Literacy lessons focus on vocabulary, spelling, grammar and punctuation, which we tackle through reading and writing texts that link to our cross curricular theme. We will read a range of texts and use these to help form our own pieces of writing.

We have daily Phonics sessions to help with reading and writing, as well as regular handwriting lessons to practise correct letter formation. In Year 1 we will be starting to use pre-cursive handwriting. Guided Reading group sessions take place weekly in class.

It is important to listen to your child read and sign their reading diary at least three times a week.

We will change the children's home reading books once a week. Please have reading books in to school by Thursday and they will all be sent home on a





**Friday.** If books are not brought in by the set day, we cannot guarantee they will be changed.



### **Numeracy**



The Numeracy topics taught throughout the year are in accordance with the national curriculum and the new Early Years Framework and are as follows for Year 1: number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; measurement; geometry (properties of shapes and position & direction) and statistics. Reception will look at: number, addition and subtraction, shapes, weight and measurement.



Quick mental maths and accurate, speedy recall of times tables are promoted in school and should be practised at home. Year 1 children will have a times table card at school to record their progress, where they work towards bronze, silver, gold and platinum stickers.



### **Homework**



Children will be given homework to complete every two weeks. Homework will be given out on a Friday afternoon and should be handed in by the date specified, usually a week on Monday. Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework to support our learning in school.



There are lots of resources on Espresso to help children with their learning - go to <https://online.espresso.co.uk> and type the school's username student28055 and the password forest.



### **Science/Understanding the World**



During practical sessions, children will have the opportunity to develop their investigative skills e.g. identifying, classifying, performing tests with simple equipment and collecting data to answer questions. Topics covered throughout the year include living things and their habitats (plants, animals and humans), using everyday materials and seasonal changes.





### History & Geography/ **Understanding the World**

In History, we will be learning about family history and comparing ways of life from the past and present. In Geography, we will be looking at our Local Area and developing our fieldwork skills.



### ICT/ **Understanding the World**

How to use technology to achieve a goal is something we will work on in ICT lessons, as well as staying safe online. We will use the school laptops, as well as I Pads.



### PSHE/ **Communication and Language/ Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Keeping ourselves safe and healthy, mentally and physically will be a big focus of these lessons, as well as changing, growing and emotions. We will be looking at our body and how we can exercise through play.



### Music and Spanish/ **Expressive Arts and Design**

These will be taught by the wonderful Mrs Whiteley and Mr Day.



### Art/Design & Technology/ **Expressive Arts and Design**

In Art we will be exploring techniques and styles of art in the form of portraits and self-portraits, using different tools and materials. In DT we will look at nutrition and hopefully do some cooking!

Please can you send your child in with an old t-shirt/shirt to use as an apron, as some days we may get a little messy! We will keep these at school ready for our art lessons.



### Religious Education/ **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**



In RE lessons we aim to understand, describe and compare special ceremonies, festivals and moments in different religions.

### Physical Education/ Physical Development

Children have 2 hours of PE each week, which will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They need to come to school wearing their PE kit on these days and ensure earrings are removed.

The Great Wood PE kit includes the navy t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers or pumps, with navy jogging bottoms and a navy jumper/hoodie.

Please ensure your child's name is on all parts of their PE kit and school uniform.

Children need their water bottles in school every day and appropriate items for the weather e.g. sun hat and coat.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me about anything, you can ring to make an appointment on 01538 702355 (Option 4) or email [office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk)

Best wishes for a happy and successful year! Miss Finney

