

Computing

We will be exploring the computer, improving mouse control and learning to use the computer independently. We will be using different tools to make pictures and beginning to type. We will also be looking at programmable toys.

Art/DT

We will be looking at portraits and 3D modelling this term. We will be making models of space ships with moving parts. This links in with the topics *Ourselves*, *Where We Live* and *Destination Outer Space*.

P.E

We will be making body shapes, linking a series of actions and investigating different ways of moving. In dance we will be creating actions in response to music. Mr Raw will be taking the children for games activities. They will be outside, unless it is wet, so please be aware of the need for tracksuits as mentioned earlier.

R.E

We are investigating special places and places of worship. We will also be looking at celebrations from various religious faiths, such as Christmas, Diwali and Rosh Hashanah.

PSHE

We will be working on developing self-esteem and responsibility. We will also look at how to develop a healthy and safe life-style.

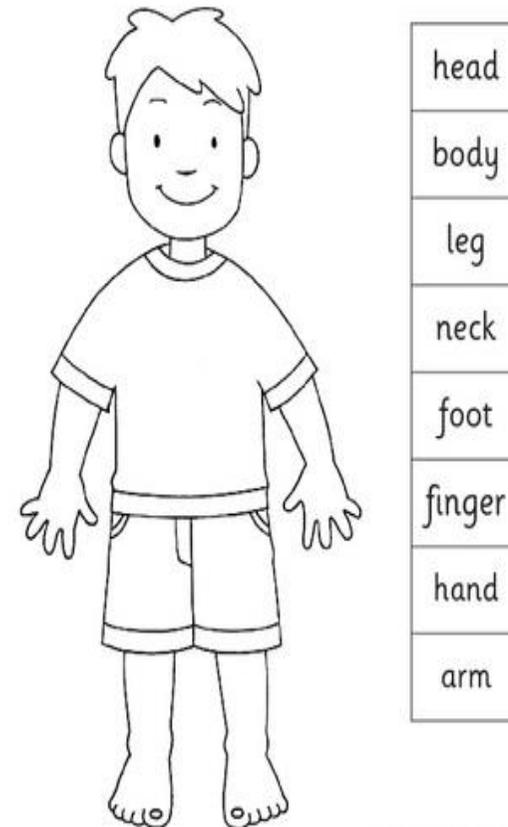
We hope your child is settling nicely into Year 1, we will be doing our best to ensure that your child continues to develop to his/her full potential. Your continued support is much appreciated. As always, we are available if you have any concerns or anxieties. Please see us after school or phone to discuss a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Mr Huckerby

Miss Herbert

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year One. Here are a few things you might need to know:

Books: Please make sure that the children have their book folder in school so that they can have a book to read at home. These folders can be purchased from the school office.

It makes an enormous difference to your children's progress in reading if you support them at home by helping them to recognise words and letters. Books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays or Friday depending on how much they have read at home. Please sign in the Homelink book so we know whether they have read the book.

Homework: At the beginning of each term children will be given 20-30 spellings to learn for the whole term. You should practise these at home. The children will be tested on the words at random throughout the term. Please help them - it really does make a difference.

They will also have Brain Builder homework which will be sent out on Friday. They have until the following Thursday to complete this homework. Please help them with this homework as much as possible but of course don't do it for them. The homework will cover the different aspects of work we are covering that week so you will be able to find out what your child is learning.

PE Kit: All children need a P.E. kit and trainers in school every week. If you take it home to wash please ensure it is returned by Monday. The kit is a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of trainers. They will be going outside for games and a track suit can be worn when it is cold. Please make sure all clothing is named and that their trainers fit properly.

This term the children will be covering the following areas of the curriculum.

English

The children will read a variety of texts covering stories, poems, dictionary work and non-fiction texts. They will be practising phonics and using their knowledge of sounds to read and spell words. We will be practising handwriting. We will also be continuing to develop their creative writing and their speaking and listening skills by telling stories and beginning to write them.

Maths

We will be learning to count and write numbers including 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. We will learn to count in 2s and 10s and begin to understand place-value (tens and units). We will be learning about money including coin values and finding totals. We will also be learning to weigh and to measure. We will be learning the names of some shapes and to recognise their features e.g. how many corners.

Science

We will be learning about ourselves and how we understand the world through our senses. We will also be learning about growth. We will be looking at how we grow and change as we get older. During our topic on space we will be looking at forces and light and dark.

Geography

We will be learning about the local area. We will be finding out how to draw maps.