

Years 1 and 2 Curriculum Letter—Autumn 1

We hope you had a wonderful break and are looking forward to starting another fun-filled year of school. We are very excited to be welcoming your wonderful children into Years 1 and 2 and being part of their learning journey. We are excited to be introducing an outdoor learning session this term using the school grounds including our forest school area to enrich the children's learning.

Tornados Class (Mrs West and Miss Tabb) and Hawks Class (Mr Hughes and Mrs Phillips).

Our school community will be:

A home for the heart, an adventure for the mind
and a foundation for the future.



Our School Values



Aspiration



Resilience

At Old Sarum we...

Offer kindness
Listen to each other
Do our best

Stay Safe
Ask for help
Respect everyone
Use our time wisely
Make a difference

Our golden rules



Year 1 and 2 Expectations

Read with your child daily.

Read the phonics mini book that is sent home with your child on a Friday.

Go on Numbots at least once a week. Your child's login is stuck inside their yellow reading record.

Useful KS1 Web links

Maths:

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://numbots.com/>

IXL Maths

All subjects:

<https://ictgames.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary#england>

Key dates

- 8.9.26—Meet the teacher
- 18.9.26 @ 9:10-10:10—Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 16.10.26 @ 9:00am—Harvest Festival

Outdoor Learning—Every Wednesday PM for both classes . Make sure to dress for the weather!

Tornado Class's PE— Thursday

Hawks Class's PE— Tuesday

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English

This term we will be writing our own stories based on Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be consolidating key skills such as capital letters, full stops and finger spaces this term to ensure your children are secure in the basics of writing. We will be challenging children through using adjectives, adverbs and co-ordinating conjunctions.

Reading

We will be reading a mixture of books during this term to encourage an early love of reading. Most of the books we are reading will be illustrated books by Julia Donaldson.

Illustrated books are a great introduction to reading. The more children hear stories the better they are able to follow along!

Maths—the bullet points below are a few of the things being covered in each unit

Year 1

We will be counting within 100 in different ways this term. We will be counting collections of objects by making groups of 10, representing numbers using a range of practical resources and partitioning 2-digit numbers into tens and ones.

Year 2

We will be exploring the numbers 10-100 in greater depth this term. We will be explaining the equivalence of one ten to ten ones, using a number line to estimate multiples of ten and explaining what happens when you add and subtract a multiple of 10. We will also be exploring the counting sequence for counting to 100 and beyond.

RE

This term we are exploring the question 'What is God's job?'. By the end of the unit, the children will be able to explain why some people decide to trust God as well as explaining what some people believe God does as a person.

DT

In DT we will be looking at what makes a structure sturdy and have a go at building our own using blocks and then some junk modelling.

PSHE

This half term our topic for PSHE is 'My Healthy Self: How can we look after our emotions?'. During this unit we will be recognising and naming a range of emotions and identifying how facial and body clues are linked to feelings. We will be discussing what makes us feel calm, relaxed and excited as well as discussing who our trusted adults could be if we are worried.

Science

This term the children are learning about plants. We will be identifying plants and their features, recalling some of the roles that flowering plant parts have, naming some trees and their parts and identifying similarities between deciduous and evergreen leaves.

History

This term we will be exploring the question: 'How am I making history?'. The children will understand how they can learn more about themselves. They will also learn about how special events are remembered, understand what it was like for children in the past and also look into how they are contributing to the future.

Computing

This term we will be looking at how to log onto and use a machine in it's basic terms. This will include a simple internet search and a chat about staying safe online.

PE

We will be doing outdoor learning every Wednesday. We will be focusing on coordination and balance as well as strengthening our social and teamwork skills. Our other PE lesson will be dance.

Music

Our music unit this term is: 'My favourite things: Keeping the pulse'. We will be learning how to keep a steady pulse and taking part in music and movement activities inspired by their favourite things.