

# Year 1/2 - Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

## Dear parents of year 1/2,

Welcome back to school! We are very excited to spend the year with you and the children and have some brilliant topics to learn about.

### Please remember:

**Hedgehogs:** Outdoor PE is on a Wednesday afternoon, Indoor PE is on a Friday afternoon.

**Squirrels:** Outdoor PE is on a Wednesday afternoon, Indoor PE on a Friday afternoon.

**Owls:** Forest school is on a Wednesday afternoon, Indoor PE is on a Friday afternoon.

Please make sure your child has the correct PE clothing in school. Reading books and planners should be in school daily – lots of reading at home really supports our learning in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Bennett, Mrs Dobson and Mrs Pobjoy

## As Coningsby Authors we will:

Be reading the book 'A River' by Marc Martin. This story follows a young girl who imagines herself floating along a river, as she gazes out of her window. Based on this text, we will be writing a circular narrative. 'A River' is a type of circular story made up of different places that the boat travels through. In circular stories the main character always ends up in the same place - the place where they started and usually events happen along the way. In the form of a letter, we will also be writing a reply to 'Tom' who has pushed a paper boat from his sail-boat. It explains he is not sure where he will be travelling next, so we will need to help him along his journey!

## As Coningsby Scientists we will:

Be identifying and naming a variety of materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. We will discuss the materials that an object is made from, before deciding which material would be suitable for a puppy's bedding. We will also discuss which materials are better suited to different objects.

## As Coningsby Mathematicians we will:

**Year 1:** We will be sequencing events in chronological order using language such as first, next, after, yesterday, tomorrow. We will also be learning the days of the week and months of the year. We will be learning to tell the time to the hour and drawing hands on a clock face to show these times. We will be reading and writing numbers 1-20 and finding 1 more and 1 less.

**Year 2:** We will know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day. We will learn to compare and sequence intervals of time. We will be telling the time to quarter past/to the hour and will be drawing hands on a clock. We will be recognising the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number as well as solving problems with addition.

## As Coningsby believers we will:

Be learning all about God and the story of the Lost Son from the Bible. We will discuss what this story means to Christians. Our Church School Value this term is friendship, and we will be thinking about how we can make our friends feel welcome. We will discuss the qualities of loyalty and kindness and we will also be celebrating the harvest festival at the end of term.



## As Coningsby Geographers we will:

We will be exploring our learning question 'Is Coningsby a Town?'. We will be learning all about the four countries in the United Kingdom and we will be locating them on a map. We will be using the directional vocabulary; near, far, left, right to explain where a location is. We will be talking about the place in which we live, we will take a walk around Coningsby and will create our own map based on what we saw!

## As Coningsby Artists we will:

Be focussing on Design and Technology. We will be investigating the materials and different structures needed to build a bridge. We will then explore how these structures can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.

## As Coningsby IT experts we will:

They will classify what is and what is not technology in our school and classroom. We will discuss how technology helps us in different ways. We will develop our mouse and keyboard skills when using a laptop and we will learn how to save and open a file.