

Park School Parents' Curriculum Forecast - Michaelmas Term 2010 - Year 1

Please read this in conjunction with the Parents' Handbook

In Year 1 **Literacy** we will be studying stories with familiar settings from a range of cultures and with predictable patterns. The children will also be learning to read signs, labels, lists, captions and instructions. They will read and write poetry based upon the theme of 'Using the Senses'. Exercises in spelling, phonics, alphabet work and handwriting will also be important.

This term in **Numeracy** the children will read, write and count numbers to at least 20. They will compare numbers and order numbers on a number track. They will begin to understand the operations of addition and subtraction and the relationship between them. They will sort objects using Venn diagrams and read the time to the hour on analogue clocks. They will learn to recognise coins and find totals. They will also describe features of 2D shapes. They will continue to put their skills to the test using the Athletics website challenges and live Athletics against others around the world.

Our **Science** topics this term are 'Ourselves' and 'Light and Dark'. We will discuss the parts of the body, the five senses, changes to humans over time, and compare and contrast humans with animals. We will learn that light is essential for sight and discover a variety of light sources.

In **Geography** lessons the children will learn about where they live in 'our local area' and find the location of Barnaby Bear around the world, comparing these places with our familiar locality.

In **History** we will look at how homes have changed over the years.

During **Art** we will learn how to draw our self-portrait. We will also complete drawings and printing patterns linked with the topics. In **Design and Technology** we will focus on moving pictures.

In **Religious Education** we will learn what it means to belong and we will study some Light Festival stories. We will also think about why Christians give gifts at Christmas.

The topics covered in **Personal, Social and Health Education** are "New Beginnings", "Getting on and Falling Out" and "Say No to Bullying".

Songs in **Music** will be linked with topic work and Christmas. Listening to recorded music will also be encouraged.

The French curriculum is under review.

In **Information and Communication Technology** we will learn to use the computer to model real situations. We will also use an art program, create a word bank using different fonts and colours, and use the computer to access information for topic work.

In **Physical Education** the children will improve their ball skills, learning to kick, pass, bounce and catch large balls. They will work in groups and individually in both games and gymnastics using floor space and apparatus.

In **Drama** we will think about characters and discuss feelings and motives through role-play, hot-seating, action poems and mime.

If you have any questions about this document or other matters please see Mrs Passmore, Mrs Lafferty or Mrs Vallance.