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Dear Parent / Carers of children in KS1 next year,

As you are aware from my previous letter, we will have 5 classes of Year 1 / 2 in September. This is due to pupil numbers being lower in these year groups and the ongoing budget difficulties all schools are facing. Many schools are already running mixed year group classes for the same reasons as Sutton Road.

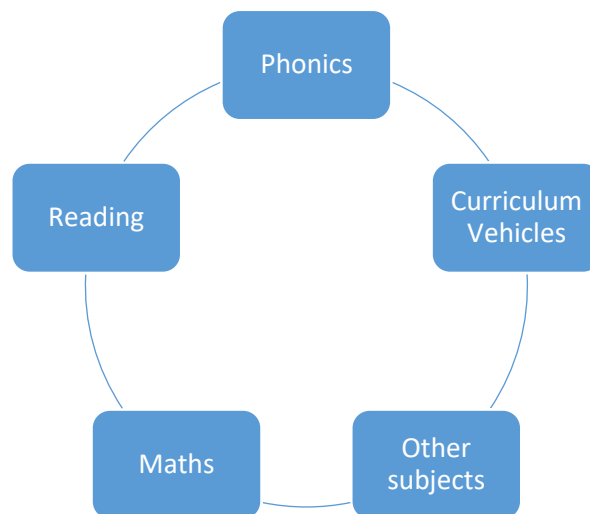
Our initial priority has been supporting the children settle into their new classes and spend time getting to know their new teacher. The children have produced a piece of artwork that will be proudly on display in their new classroom, giving them a sense of belonging from the start - we are sure the displays will look amazing!

We wanted to share with all our Key Stage 1 parents what the curriculum will look like for the children next year.

What will the curriculum look like?

Within all classes there is always a wide range of different abilities and children working at different stages of development. Teachers use different adaptations and resources to support all children by tailoring tasks to individuals or groups of children to ensure they are challenged to achieve their best with their learning.

Leaders have worked hard to review the curriculum and look at what the children will be learning next year.



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The children will continue to access age-appropriate **Phonics and Reading** sessions taught by the staff team to ensure they receive the high-quality provision to support **reading and writing skills**.

Maths is taught in themes for all year groups across the year, this will continue for our Key Stage 1 children, with children being taught appropriate mathematic skills and mathematical understanding. We already have access to mixed year group planning resources to support this.

The **other subjects** (History, Geography, Art, Science) will be taught in a two-year cycle, with children accessing the subjects through Curriculum Vehicles as they do in all year groups. This will included learning for a number of subjects within the Key stage 1 National Curriculum, where objectives are only split into Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) and KS2 (Year 3 – 6) with many aspects being revisited and extended over all year groups.

Subjects including **PE, Music, RE Computing and Talking Points** will continue to be taught outside Curriculum Vehicles and learning will meet the Key stage 1 National Curriculum.

What will the Curriculum Vehicles be next year?

The curriculum vehicles the children will be learning through are:

- ✓ **Autumn Term:** *This is Us (including Gruesome Germs)*

This curriculum vehicle involves developing the children's understanding of belonging and their place in our local community. They will also look at people who help us in our community, in particular nurses, doctors and hospitals. This leads to the children learning about significant individuals in history such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and the impact they had on medical care.

- ✓ **Spring Term:** *London's Burning & Save our Oceans*

For London's Burning, the children will learn about the historic disaster and what led to this. We will study London and compare this to our own locality.

Save our Oceans focuses on how we can reduce plastic waste and pollution in our oceans. We study The Great Barrier Reef and learn about the different sea creatures which can be found there.

- ✓ **Summer Term:** *Let's Get Growing*

For this vehicle, the children learn about how plants grow and where our food comes from. We will grow many different plants, herbs and vegetables and learn how to care for them.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead,

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