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## KS1 Curriculum Updates

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Dear Parents,

As we move closer to the end of a very busy term and towards the Christmas celebrations for many families, we wanted to update parents on our plans for the Spring term. 😊

As you know this year, we moved to mixed year 1 and year 2 classes in KS1 due to the number of pupils we have in school. We are really pleased with how well the children approached the change. The older children in the classes have taken on a responsible role of 'looking after' the younger children and we have seen the younger year 1 children grow in independence over the term.

We have continued working alongside the English Hub (*Literacy specialists that support schools in their teaching of phonics*) and they too have reported on the successes we are having in the phonics groups across key stage 1, giving the strong foundations in teaching children the early reading skills they need, which we are extremely pleased about!

Following our Autumn assessments, we are looking to move to the same arrangements for the teaching of maths. The autumn term has concentrated on the basic number skills, understanding place value, performing calculations and building the children's confidence and skills for mathematical knowledge.

For the spring term, these new groups will move onto looking at even more of the age-appropriate maths learning in Key Stage 1. They will look at topics such as shape, time, measures, fractions etc. This will mean that their learning is well matched to what they already know and ensure that children who are ready for more challenge in their learning can move on and deepen their understanding and skills. As children grow in confidence and understanding, they may move to a different group to ensure they continue to make good progress. We want every child to feel successful and excited about maths as we already see we have some great mathematicians at Sutton Road!

Over the spring term, we will have 2 new vehicles. In Spring 1, our Vehicle learning will focus on The Great Fire of London. The Children will explore how the fire started, what happened during the fire, and how the city changed afterwards. They will compare past and present London, create cityscape art inspired by Stephen Wiltshire, and learn how firefighting today is different from 1666.



In Spring 2, we will move onto the vehicle, Save our Oceans. Children will learn how our oceans are being polluted and what we can do to help protect them. They will explore physical and human features through fieldwork and discover the Great Barrier Reef and its amazing sea life. Pupils will compare our locality to Queensland, learn the world's oceans and continents, and create recycled-material artwork inspired by Gabriela Valencia.

To support your child at home, take a look at any of the resources below 😊

Maths:

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/29862>  
[KS1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

Phonics:

[Phonics For Parents | Free Videos & Resources](#)

As always, Mrs Pearson is available to chat to about Key stage 1.

Your Sincerely,

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