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KS1 Curriculum Updates

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to thank you for your continued support and share some exciting updates about our plans for Key Stage 1 from September.

This year marks our second year of mixed Year 1 and Year 2 classes, and we continue to be delighted with how successful this approach has been. The children have built strong relationships across the year groups, with our Year 2 pupils acting as excellent role models for the younger children. In turn, we have seen our Year 1 children grow in confidence, independence and resilience throughout the year.

Over the past three years, we have worked closely with the English Hub, whose literacy specialists have supported us in continually developing our phonics provision. We are incredibly proud to have now graduated from the programme, recognising the high-quality phonics teaching and strong outcomes we have established across Key Stage 1.

Following the success of this year's phonics provision, we will once again teach phonics in streamed groups from September. This approach will already be familiar to many of our children, as our Foundation Stage 2 pupils have also been taught in streamed phonics groups throughout this year. Grouping children according to the stage they are working at enables us to provide targeted teaching that meets their individual needs and helps every child continue to develop as a confident and fluent reader. As children's knowledge and confidence grow, they may move between groups to ensure they continue to make strong progress.

We have also been extremely pleased with the impact of our streamed maths groups this year. Teaching children in groups that closely match their current understanding has led to increased confidence, accelerated progress and greater success in mathematics.

Because of these positive outcomes, from September we will begin the school year with streamed maths groups where appropriate. Starting these groups from the beginning of the year will allow us to identify and address any gaps in learning quickly, while ensuring every child receives the right level of support and challenge. As with phonics, these groups are flexible, and children may move between them as their learning develops.



Our aim is for every child to feel successful, enjoy learning and make the best possible progress in both reading and mathematics.

Alongside English and maths, the children will continue to enjoy our engaging vehicle curriculum, with exciting topics that provide meaningful learning opportunities across the wider curriculum. We will share more information about our autumn topics when the children return in September.

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](#)

If you have any questions about our Key Stage 1 curriculum or your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are always happy to help.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning.

Your Sincerely,

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