

Welcome back to Sherington Primary School - Autumn
Term

We are IC and IY!

First we'd like to introduce the Year 1 teaching team. In IC, the teacher is Miss Cox and she will be assisted by Miss Warke. In IY, the teacher is Miss Yohai and she will be assisted by Ms Mohammed.



Here are some of the things your child will be learning:

English: We will be focusing on stories with familiar settings such as the Three Little Pigs as well as other traditional tales. We will then move on to study stories linked to our Humanities topic on toys. Following on from this, we will be looking at instructions and will use these to create our own toys. In class there will be daily phonics sessions. The children will be learning from the Letters and Sounds programme. There are numerous online games to support your child's phonics knowledge and we encourage you to use them with your children at home. Here are some we would recommend:

<http://www.ictgames.com/>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Maths: This year Sherington has started using the Maths No Problem scheme. This scheme incorporates

the Singapore Barr method and every child has their own workbook. It focuses on mastery of each topic, which means that your child will be encouraged to have a deeper understanding of each concept before moving on. The workbooks work towards the national curriculum end-of-year expectations. It is a very visual way of teaching maths and children will take part in a lot of practical activities and use a lot of manipulatives, such as unifix cubes and dienes. This term we will cover number and place value, addition and subtraction up to 10, number bonds to 10 and reading and writing numbers in words. We will also be moving on to addition and subtraction up to 20, positions, shapes and patterns, during the latter part of the term. It is strongly advised that you and your child continue to take advantage of Mathematics, as it is an invaluable resource and consolidates what is being learnt in school.

Science: This term in Science our topic will be animals which will involve identifying and classifying different animal groups. Children will be comparing the structure of a variety of common animals including: birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. We will also be studying humans and children will learn to label different parts of the body.

Each year group will be investigating two iconic scientists each term. Year 1 will be researching the work of Carl Linnaeus and Amy Vedder. We encourage you to research these scientists with your children at home, which will enhance their enthusiasm for the subject.

RE-

Festivals and Christianity: During this half term we will be focussing on religious celebrations. If you would like to come and share your knowledge with the class you are welcome. Children will be sharing with the class, the different celebrations they have participated in. During the second half of the term

we will look at Christianity. We share the Christmas story and children will be able to take part in the concert.

Design Technology-

Toys: Children will have the opportunity to design and make their own toys from the past. We will be using our fine motor skills in order to sew, glue, cut etc.

Computing: The children will be taught by our specialist computing teacher Miss Charles, in the computer suite once a week. This term children will learn what algorithms are and how they are implemented as programs on digital devices. They will create and debug simple programs using logical reasoning to predict their behaviour. Year 1 will not only use the computer suite but will also have the opportunity to use apps on the iPads which support their learning.

PE: We will be continuing GUGAfit to keep up our fitness. Please visit the website to find some keeping healthy tips as well as nutrition advice. Year 1 will also be doing an outdoor games unit in order to develop ball skills. Children will participate in a dance unit designed by the Greenwich Dance Academy specifically for our year group about fairy tales such as the Three Little Pigs.

A note about PE: PE lessons take place twice a week. Children must bring PE kits in, and leave them in school for the half term.

Humanities-

Toys: We will be comparing toys from the past and looking at the materials that were used to make them. We invite children to bring in their favourite toy in order to discuss the differences between old

and new. We invite any grandparents to come in and speak to the children about the toys they played with and the games they played as children. Please see your child's teacher to arrange this.

Art: During Art children will be printing with a range of hard and soft materials e.g. corks, pen barrels, sponge. Children will be manipulating malleable materials in a variety of ways including rolling & kneading as well as exploring sculpture with a range of further malleable materials.

Music: This is taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs McDonald. Children will be able to visit the music room weekly and have experiences with a variety of instruments.

How can you help at home?

We encourage you to share any knowledge you may have on our topics with your child. Help your child to discover what he or she already knows about the above areas and encourage them to look for books and videos about the topic at the library.

Check, empty and read the contents of their book bag **every day** for newsletters, notes, creative work and books.

We are looking forward to a successful partnership in which your child will flourish. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

From Miss Cox and Miss Yohai

