



Oasis Academy Johanna Class Newsletter

Y1 Orange Class: Autumn 1, 2023



Dear parents and carers,

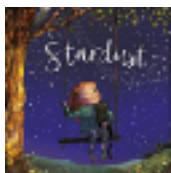
Welcome to Year 1! The Autumn term is all about transition and we will help your child adjust from self-led learning to more subject and adult-led teaching. Research shows us that children settle better when the **transition is gradual**. Whilst we will be focusing on skills such as reading, writing and numeracy, children will still have access to free flow activities for the first term. In partnership with you, our job is to ensure that your children are confident, safe, happy learners who achieve their full potential. Please do speak to Fola if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to lots of fun and collaboration this term!

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

This term, we are learning about our mental and emotional health. We will learn what makes us happy and sad, how our behaviour affects others. We will also learn what empathy is and how we show empathy to others. We will learn the routines of Year 1 and how to apply the **9 Habits** in our daily behaviour. Fola, Class Teacher.

English

We know that children who are avid readers communicate more clearly, have a vast vocabulary and have wonderful ideas. Our curriculum is text rich incorporating a range of fiction, nonfiction, traditional and international stories. In Writing this term, we will be applying our phonics to write simple sentences. We will empathise with characters through storytelling, drama and poetry.



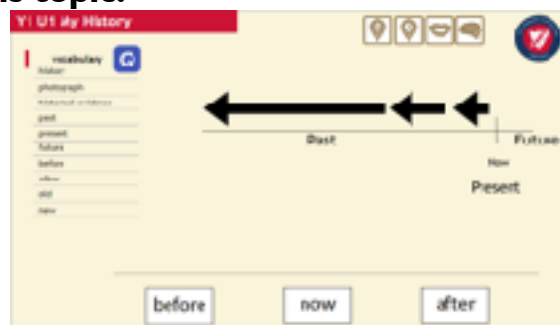
Phonics

Children are taught to read and write utilising phonics. A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in speech. A **grapheme** is the written representation of the sound. A **digraph** is two letters that make one sound such as *sh* and a **trigraph** is three letters that make one sound such as *igh*. Over the course of Year 1, we will review and learn all 44 phonemes in the English language. There will be a phonics meeting later in the term, so please do come to find out more!

Theme: Who Am I?

Our topic this term is Who am I, who am I becoming? The topic is cross curricular with great emphasis on History and Personal Development. It is a great topic that explores the past to help understand where we are in the world presently. We will explore our growth and development through chronological timelines and family trees. We will use vocabulary such as older, newer, before and after. We will develop investigation skills through analysing photographs and asking questions about them. We will also look at our families.

Please email or bring in 2 or 3 baby and toddler pictures of your child to support this topic.



Maths

In Maths this term, our topics are *Number* and *Place Value*. First, we will consolidate previous learning within 10. We will count forwards and backwards understanding the relationship between counting numbers. We will learn number bonds within 10 including subtraction and addition facts and we will partition numbers using the part whole model. E.g. $3+4=7$ and $4+3=7$ so $7-3=4$ or $7-4=3$.

We will use vocabulary such as: **less, more, greater than, less than, equal to, part-part-whole** and **digit**.



Science



In Science this term, our topic is the **Human Body and Senses**. We will become scientists by identifying various parts of our body and their uses, we will look at the five senses and make predictions before carrying out an experiment.

Art or Design Technology

As artists, we will be drawing different lines and shapes, identifying different sizes and colours as well as experimenting with a range of materials. We will then consolidate these skills to create a piece of art using geometric shapes.

Geography and History

In Geography, we will learn some facts about where we live, what's special about where we live and will learn our address. We will also identify our Oasis partner country of South Africa.



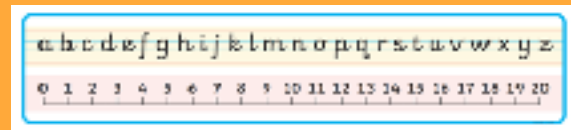
R.E.

In R.E., we will be learning about Beliefs and Belonging. We will understand how we are all unique and what communities we belong to. We will also explore what Christians believe about how the world was created.

BELONGING

Handwriting

In handwriting, we will be going over each letter to check they are formed correctly.



Computing

In Computing, we will learn how to keep safe online. We will also get accustomed to using our iPads by learning how to log on, use apps like Showbie and perform simple searches on Safari.



Homework

Homework books are due in on **Monday** every week. **Spellings** are issued on **Ed Shed** and **tested on Fridays**.

Every day, children should complete their daily diet:

- read their books on Bug Club or a reading book for at least 10 minutes
- reading records should be signed so that we know that your child is reading at home
- practise spellings on Ed Shed
- use Sumdog to practise counting and numbers for at least 10 minutes.

Dates for Autumn 1 (Term 1)

Wed 6th Sept	First day back
Thurs 12th Oct	Individual and sibling school photos
Fri 13th Oct	INSET Day - school closed
Tues 17th Oct	Parent's Evening
Thurs 19th Oct	Parent's Evening
TBC	Y1 Local Walk: London Landmarks
Fri 20th Oct	Last day: 3.15pm finish

Half Term Holidays

Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th October

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Dear parents/carers,

This term our topic is about our local area and what makes it special. We will be going on a walk to observe some of the amazing London landmarks on our doorstep!

Where? Local Walk

When? TBC

What time? Leave 9.30am – Return by 12.00pm.

How? Walk

How much? £0

Lunch? N/A

Please return this slip by Friday 22nd Sept.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

- **I can speak fluent English and I would like to accompany the class on this trip.**

Signed _____

Date _____