

Merridale Primary School

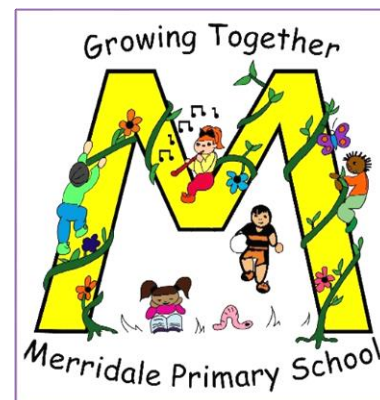
Year 1

Spring 2021

To help you support your child with their learning, each year group will produce a curriculum newsletter at the start of each term. This will advise you what your child will be learning about in class in each area of the curriculum.

Should you have any questions, or would like some ideas as to how best to support your child, please speak to their class teacher.

Curriculum Area	Focus
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stories from a range of cultures and stories with predictable and patterned language.• Following and writing instructions.• Poetry with pattern and rhyme.• To re-tell stories, giving the main points in sequence.• To identify and discuss characters in stories.• To write words on the line with finger spaces in between.• To write sentences with capital letters and full stops.• To describe objects using adjectives and join ideas with <i>and</i>.
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Count in 1's, 2's, 10's and 5's• Solving problems relating to addition and subtraction.• Understand place value of numbers up to 50, using tens and ones• Describe 2D and 3D shapes e.g. state the number of sides, faces, corners etc.• Understand and use the vocabulary related to Mass.
Discover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monarchy• Seasons
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cognitive: I can begin to order instructions, movement and skills. Creative: I can select and link movements together to fit a theme.
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter
RHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy me



Upcoming Events

Friday 5th March: INSET DAY
School closed to key worker children.

Monday 8th March: School reopens to all pupils.

Thursday 1st April 3.15pm: School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 19th April: School reopens to pupils

Friday 28th May 3.15pm: School closes for half term

Monday 7th June: School re-opens to pupils

Tuesday 20th July 3.15pm: School closes for Summer holidays.

Monday 6th September: School reopens to pupils

Suggested activities for support:

- Visit your local library and select a range of stories and poetry to read together and independently. Older children could read to a younger family member.
- Know their multiplication tables off by heart (and be able to recall rapidly).
- Pose and discuss real-life problems e.g. shopping, ingredients for cooking, TV timetables.
- Using the internet at home to find information, check and send e-mail.

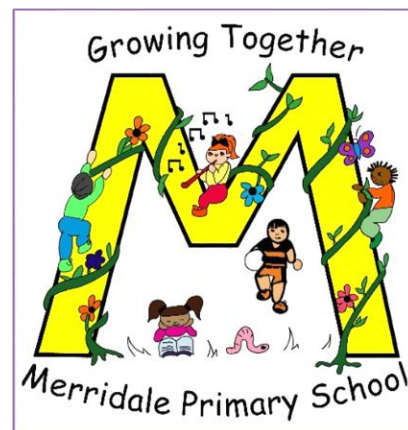
PE:

Year 1 pupils have PE once a week (on Tuesdays) and we encourage pupils to wear their PE kit to school, including either pumps or trainers. Children need to ensure that long hair is tied back and all jewellery (e.g. stud earring, watches or bangles) are removed or covered for PE lessons for safety. If your child needs to cover any items, please send a sweat band or plasters into school for this.

Handy hints for Study:

1. Try to choose somewhere quiet to work and also a time when your child is not too tired.
2. It's better to have lots of short sessions rather than one long one.
3. Vary the activities including writing, artwork, discussion and reading.
4. Give lots of praise and encouragement.
5. Try to make the sessions fun.

We hope this will be useful to you in supporting your child and finding out more about what they are doing at school over the Spring term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Homework:

- Read for at least 20 minutes a day, five days per week to meet our reading challenge and receive a sticker on your class chart. Children who read for seven days, will receive an extra sticker!
- Children will receive spelling homework weekly from their RWI teachers.
- Activities are set on Doodle Maths, Doodle English and Doodle Spell.