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## New City Primary School Year group: 1 Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to school. This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

English	Maths	Science
Year 1 will be looking at the authors: Nathan Bryon, Jon Klassen and Hannah Lee throughout the year. The children will be looking at a range of stories. Some will be well-known such as 'Dark Dark Tale' and 'Little Red Hen' and other new and exciting stories such as 'The Way Back Home' and 'I Want my Hat'. We will continue to write simple sentences to retell our weekend news, describe characters and create our own stories. We will focus on using capital letters and full stops in all our sentences. In phonics we will revisit phase 3 sounds before moving onto alternative graphemes within phase 5.	In the Autumn term we will look at place value and addition and subtraction. We will learn to order numbers, compare them and talk about how many tens and ones a number has. We will then use this information to add and subtract one digit from 2-digit numbers and solve simple problems. In the second half of the term, we will look at strategies for multiplication and division such as sharing and equal groups of. We will also look at the differences between 2D and 3D shapes, naming and looking at the properties of these.	In the first half of the term, the children will be learning about animals with a scientist focus on David Attenborough. We will classify animals as carnivores, herbivores or omnivores and we will describe and compare the structure of common animals. After half term, the children will be studying materials. We will be learning about the different types of materials and learning what objects are made of. Children will learn how to sort objects based on physical properties and they will explore magnetism.
History & Geography	PE	PSHE
In History, the children will be looking at comparing old and new. In particular the topic 'My Family' and 'Past and Present'. The children will be using key skills such as creating a family tree by using key dates and events and using their knowledge to think about past and present to recognise similarities and differences with objects. The children will also begin to investigate how and explain why some families settled in the United Kingdom from other countries. In Geography, we will learn about the local environment of Plaistow and locating it on a map. We will learn about the different local landmarks and how we can travel around the area.	In the first half-term, the children will be studying travelling through gymnastics and balancing using beanbags. They will move confidently and safely using change of speed, level and direction and copy and create movement phrases with beginnings, middles and ends. In the second half-term the focus will be on dance. The children will be performing individual and group performances expressing moods and feelings.	In Autumn 1 our PSHE topic will be 'Community'. The children will be considering and discussing what makes a community and which communities they are members of. They will consider positive and negative behaviours at school, learn the 5C's (Consideration, Care, Commitment, Co-operation and Courtesy) and how to become active members of our school community. In Autumn 2, the children will consider their own identity and consider the differences between themselves and others. They will learn to describe themselves positively and cover the correct terms for all body parts, including private parts.
Computing	Religious Education	ART & DT
In computing, children will learn how to recognise different types of technology and how to use it responsibly. They will then learn how to use a computer to create and format text, before comparing it to writing non-digitally.	Children will learn about what it means to belong, and discuss the groups and families they belong to. The topic this term is 'Belonging to Christianity' and what it means to belong to Christianity. They will then look at the Christmas Story and special gifts, looking at what this means to Christians.	In Art and Design during Autumn 1, the children will be looking at the Swiss born German artist Paul Klee's portrait "Senecio". They will learn about Klee's semi abstract art style and how he used colour, shape and form to create interesting effects. Later in Autumn 2, the children will create an abstract mixed media stained glass window in the style of Christian Art. They will make learning links with Religious Education and gain an understanding of how art is influenced by people and their beliefs.
Music	Educational Visits	Homework
In Music, the children will explore pulse through listening and appraise, singing and instruments. They will build on these skills after the half-term to create sound effects using graphic scores playing instruments in different ways and interpreting symbols to create music.	We will be organising trips in the coming term and will inform you of dates and venues when they have been confirmed.	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Books will be changed regularly. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. <b>The homework schedule is as follows:</b> Monday- Spellings Tuesday- Reading Wednesday- Mathletics (online) Thursday – TT Rockstars (online) Friday – Long Write

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