

Welcome to Year 1! I hope you have all had a lovely summer holidays and are looking forward to the fun year we have ahead!

In Year 1, there will be Miss Cruise and PPA cover will be provided by Mrs King on a Thursday.

I hope you find this newsletter useful in answering many questions you may have about your child's learning during the first half term.

Year 1 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Reading

Reading is extremely important for the children. Starting from week 2 you will notice the children will bring home a phonetic Little Wandle book (this will be changed weekly) and a library book.

It is strongly encouraged that the children read three times a week to an adult to help support their learning, and a reading for pleasure book also for around ten minutes per day.

The children will bring home reading logs and we ask kindly that when an adult does read with your child, can they please write this in the log with a comment about their reading also.

Can I also please ask that once the books have been read, they are returned to book bags to ensure they are ready to bring to school to be changed.

Homework

The children may bring home phonics cards to help support their understanding of sounds and they may also bring home handwriting tasks to help with their spelling/letter formation.



Year 1 Tricky Words:

the	they	one	a	be
once	do	he	ask	to
me	friend	today	she	school
of	we	put	said	no
push	says	go	pull	are
so	full	were	by	house
was	my	our	is	here
his	there	has	where	I
love	you	come	your	some

Phonics: Every morning, there will be a 20–25-minute phonics lesson delivered using our Little Wandle programme. In Year 1, children complete the Phonics Screening Check towards the end of the school year- all of our daily sessions are designed to best prepare the children for this, as well as supporting the rest of their education.

Writing: Our class text for Autumn 1 is 'Lost and Found' where we will work towards retelling the story. Year 1 primarily focus' on children's ability to construct sentences correctly as well as using their phonics to support their spelling through decoding.

Maths: In Maths we will begin the Year by focusing on place value, looking at how we can sort different objects, count on from any number and learn how to compare numbers. Throughout the year the children will learn addition and subtraction within 20, place value to 100 as well as looking at geometry and shapes.

Science: Our focus for Autumn 1 is Animals (including humans) and we will start the topic by looking at 'Our amazing bodies' discussing our senses and labelling the different parts of our bodies, before moving onto studying the animal groups and the differences/similarities between them.

DT: In DT, we will be investigating shade and shelter, making our own shelter prototypes, before creating a larger shelter collectively.

Art: In Art, we will be looking at spirals, creating whole class and individual spirals and using different materials to complete this.

History: Our Autumn 1 topic is looking at Toys and how they have changed throughout time. Through this unit, we will be drawing comparisons between toys the children play with, toys their parents' generation likely played with and toys their grandparent's generation played with.

PSHE: Our first PSHE topic looks at 'Being Me in My World' where we look at reasons, we feel proud of ourselves, rules and responsibilities and looking at our friendships within the classroom.

RE: In Autumn 1, we will be looking at the religion of Christianity and in particular focusing on what Christians believe about God. Throughout the year we will explore Christianity and Judaism.

Music: During our first unit, we will be looking at the menu song and building our skills of echo reading and pitch movement.

PE: PE will be taught twice weekly. PE will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. One of these weekly sessions will be taught by our Sports Coach.