

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2

Message from your teachers

Hello Parents! Your children have made a great start to Year One. They have settled well and have impressed us with their enthusiasm across the curriculum throughout our first half term together. Year One is a very important year in your child's academic life and we naturally expect more from them than we did in Reception. We care about the whole development and wellbeing of your child. As a result, this is a busy but exciting half-term. Children will take part in multiple events such as the Christmas Story Nativity as well as sport activities. We are excited about the upcoming events this half-term and are looking forward to engaging with you and your child during the Christmas season.

Key Dates for the Diary

Children In Need: 19th November 2021

Parents Evening: 15th and 18th November 2021

Year 1 Christmas Story Nativity: 8th December 2021

Key Information

Your child is currently taking part in P.E sessions on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Children must have their full PE kit in school and are encouraged to bring in warmer items of clothing during colder weather e.g., hoodies, tracksuit bottoms etc.

Your child's reading day is displayed on the front cover of their reading record. Please make sure they have their reading book and reading record in on this day to read with an adult in class. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. We have a current focus on developing your child's fluency when reading. Please do not be concerned if your child returns home with a book they have previously read. In class, we encourage your child to discuss the characters and plot in the book to develop their confidence with these texts as well as enhancing their reading skills.

All homework is set on a **Friday**. Homework is to be returned to school by **Wednesday**.

Our learning in Year One

Maths: This half term, your child will be exploring the topic of **addition and subtraction**. They will be learning how to use a part-whole model correctly, find and compare number bonds and recognise facts. These skills will enable them to add and subtract numbers later in the unit with confidence. They will work practically using various models such as part-whole models, bar models and ten frames to develop their confidence. We were impressed with how the end of unit maths quiz completed at the end of last half term. This term, children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills with daily challenges.

English: This half term in English we will be looking at the text, 'Voices in the Park'. We will be learning part of the story using Talk for Writing actions and looking at the different characters points of view. We will be focusing on sentence structure, writing in the third person and using conjunctions. As our non-fiction unit we will be writing a recount of a visit to a local park.

Other Curriculum Areas

In **Science** this half term, we will be learning all about Space and our Solar System. In the coming weeks, your child will explore the meaning of 'space' as well as the different planets and matter in our Solar System.

In **R.E.** our work focuses upon the theme of Families. In our recent lessons we have been exploring the roles of people within our families. The children have recognised that they are loved by their family and that God loves all of us.

In our first **P.S.H.E** module, we are exploring the idea that we are all created and loved by God. In the coming weeks, we will be focusing on ourselves, our bodies and our health.

During **Phonics** this half term, children will continue to learn and recognise that two letters can make one sound but also that some letters can make different sounds. At the beginning of this term, the children explored the different sounds 'o' can make, for example, in 'hot' and 'gold'. Your child will sit their phonics screening assessment in Year 1 during the summer term and this will be discussed with you at parent evening.

