

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.

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.

Key Information

Your child is currently taking part in P.E sessions on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. 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. All homework is set on a **Friday**. Homework is to be returned to school by **Wednesday**.

Key Dates for the Diary

- **Children in Need: Friday 15th November 2024**
- **CAFOD Movie Night: 3:15-4:45 20th November 2024**
- **Non-uniform Day: Wednesday 27th November 2024**
- **Year 1 Christmas Story Nativity: Tuesday 10th December 9:30 - Mr Brown's parents 2:00- Mrs Backhurst's parents**
- **Christmas Fayre: Wednesday 11th December 2024**
- **Christmas Dinner/Jolly Jumper Day: 17th December 2024**
- **Christmas Party Day: Wednesday 18th December 2024**



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 continue to look at the text, 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will be using our understanding to create a set of instructions. We will then introduce the new text, 'The Smartest Giant in Town', we will be learning this story and focusing on sentence structure and using conjunctions.

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 Advent. We will prepare for the birth of Jesus and each week we will discuss the advent wreath and topics around this special time in our calendar.

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.

In **Design Technology** we will be creating our very own Fruit Smoothies. Children will be learning cutting skills, how to use kitchen equipment safely and will plan their own smoothie recipe. Of course, by the end the children will get to make and taste test their smoothies.

In our **PE** lessons we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of different movements and using our bodies in different ways. The children will begin to work on their ball familiarisation skills- catching, throwing, hitting. Their will be a real focus on the children's hand eye coordination.

This term, in our **Music** lessons we will be learn about the pitch and tempo. We have been learning the song 'Skip to my lou' and came up with our own actions. Each session we will continue to practice these songs and write our own music.

