



## Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers - welcome to Year 1!

We hope you have all had a lovely and restful (or eventful) summer, and we're excited to get to know you and all your amazing children. Moving into KS1 from Early Years can be a big step up for some of us, and we hope to make the transition as smooth and positive as we can. The learning will look a little bit different, but we will support you and your children through this. We are always here for you to come and chat to at the end of the day, and as they say, no question is a silly question 😊.

### Creative Learning

Our topic this term is 'Changes'. We will be using this theme to inspire as much of our writing lessons as possible, as well as it being the basis for our History lessons.



### Reading



In Year 1, the children will now have a Reading Journal, which will replace the Communication book they had in EYFS. This book will be checked twice a week on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. Please can you make sure that both their Reading Journal and Phonics Reading Book are in their bags **every day** so that we can read with them in school too.

Please ensure you read with your child **every single day** and record it in their reading diary (this can just be a simple note with the date and title of book). **This is essential as it builds the foundation for all other learning.** The government guidelines are that children should read their phonics book at least **3 times** before moving on. This helps them to build up confidence and recognition of key words and phrases. Thank you for your support in this.



### Homework

We will be sending home a homework book in due course with a weekly task to be completed. **Homework will be set on a Wednesday to be returned on the following Monday.**

### PE Days

Our PE days this half term will be on **Mondays and Fridays**, and after half term, **Tuesdays and Fridays**. As last year, please send your children in wearing their PE kit on these days - shorts and coloured t-shirt for warm weather, and a jumper/blue hoodie and jogging bottoms for colder weather. Please can children wear trainers with **velcro straps** rather than laces (unless they can tie them up themselves). **No earrings please.**

## Forest School Days

We have the privilege of doing Forest School this term, which will be on a **Thursday**. Poppy Class will go first (this half term) and Bluebells after half term.

Please check the information sent by the office about what your child needs to wear, but if you have any questions, please do come and speak to us.



## Curriculum Overview

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| <b>Art / D&amp;T</b><br>1) Make your mark - exploring lines.<br>2) Mechanisms - make a moving book.                           | <b>Computing</b><br>1) Online Safety<br>2) Grouping and Sorting                                                                                            | <b>History/ Geography:</b><br>1) Changes in toys.<br>2) Maps and our school. | <b>Music</b><br>Hey You - exploring Hip Hop songs through Charanga. |
| <b>PE</b><br>1) Fundamentals (Monday) and Ball Skills (Friday)<br>2) Team Building (Tuesday) and Sending & Receiving (Friday) | <b>PSHE</b><br>1) My healthy self: how can we look after our emotions?<br>2) Connecting with others: how can I help myself and others feel happy and safe? | <b>Science</b><br>Materials and Seasons                                      | <b>RE</b><br>1) Christianity<br>2) The Christmas Story              |

## Snacks and Drinks

Like EYFS, children will continue to be provided with a fruit or vegetable snack each day. However, if you wish to provide your own, please remember it needs be either fruit, vegetable, or plain biscuit or breadsticks, which needs to be in a labelled container. These must be **nut-free**. Children will also need a **named water bottle**.



## Named Clothing

Please ensure **all clothing is named**, especially jumpers, coats and hats as we often get a lot being left behind at the end of the day, and if it is not named, then it will end up in lost property. If your child is also prone to having accidents, please could you put some **spare** underwear/clothes in their bags, and please be mindful of the size of bag your child comes in with as we have limited space in the classroom.

## Parent Helpers

If you have any time at all (preferably in the afternoons), we would welcome any parent helpers to listen to the children read or support in class. You will need to have a DBS check, which you can do through the school office. Please come and speak to us if you are able to help. Many thanks.

We look forward to a great year, so with kind regards,

The Year 1 Team 😊