

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Year 1. We are delighted that the children have settled incredibly well and all the staff are very proud of how they are getting on. They are settling into the new routines, working well in the classroom and playing with their friends outside.

We have introduced our first topic: Bright Lights Big City to the children and we are very excited to be learning about London, including its history, transport and famous landmarks. We will be stepping back in time to discover what happened in the Great Fire of London, finding out about the countries of the United Kingdom and learning about materials.

Morning Routine:

As you are aware, the Year 1 teachers - Mrs Wright, Miss Togwell, Mrs Wakeman and Mrs Brushett will be ready to greet the children from 8.30am in their classrooms. Some of the year 1 TA's will be available to meet the children as they arrive on the 4G pitch. It is imperative that children are in school on time as we make a prompt start to their learning. In Year 1, we start the day with handwriting and our daily phonics session (the approach used to teach reading, writing and spelling.)

Please provide your child with a named water bottle and a coat, as the weather is starting to get a little cooler.

Reading:

Your child will come home with two sets of reading books each week and they will be changed twice weekly (every Monday and Thursday). The books need to be kept in their book bags, read daily at home and recorded in the reading diary. It is so important for your child to practise the skills they learn at school and reading at home gives them the opportunity to do this. Regular practise with reading will make your child more confident and makes a big difference to their learning. Reading diaries are a great means of dialogue between the teacher and home. We really appreciate your comments about your child's reading and we will provide helpful guidance on how to support your child's next steps.

Your child will also read individually on a regular basis with a member of school staff. In addition to this, your child will also be reading regularly with their phonics teacher

English:

This term the children will be focusing on writing words correctly by:

- forming their letters correctly
- saying out loud what they are going to write
- re-reading the word they have written to check that it is spelt correctly.

We will then move onto using the following grammar and punctuation:

- leaving spaces between words
- be able to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop correctly.

Maths:

This term the children will be focusing on these key mathematical skills:

- to count to and across 20, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number.
- to count, read and write numbers to 20 in numerals and words.
- to represent and use number bonds and related facts (within 20).
- to identify one more and one less than any given number to 20.
- to identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least

PE:

P.E lessons will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday. Please make sure that your child comes in to school dressed in suitable PE kit for the season. In the Autumn Term this will be a black tracksuit (jogging bottoms and a hoody/sweatshirt), socks and a white t-shirt. Please can you ensure children remove their earrings on P.E days, if this is not possible, tape should be provided so that the earrings can be covered for safety reasons. Their hair also needs to be tied b.

Homework:

Please read with your child daily and discuss what they are reading to check their understanding of the text. It is also just as important to read to your child. A bedtime story each evening (or any time of day) is the best way you can support your child at home. When an adult reads to a child, they are unknowingly modelling fluency and expression whilst also enabling the child to comprehend the story without the added task of having to decode the words themselves.

Labelling your child's belongings

Please can we remind you that all children's clothing and belongings **MUST** be clearly labelled to prevent them from getting lost.

We look forward to the year ahead working with you and your children.

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