



Key Stage One Autumn Term 2019

Welcome back to a new school year. The curriculum newsletter will keep you informed about the topics the children in Years 1 and 2 are learning about this half term and other important information including the current homework project and ways in which you can support your child. We will send a separate newsletter for the second half term.

In the Year 1 class Mrs Pimperton will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Thompson will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs McDougall will teach the mixed Year 1 and 2 class with Mrs Kemp teaching on Fridays.

In the Year 2 class Mrs Brady teaches on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Thompson teaches on Wednesdays.

Autumn First Half Term

The focus of our Science and Topic work in the first half term will be Seasonal Changes (Autumn) and some work on Animals including Humans.

In English we will be continuing with Read Write Inc. We will also be doing writing based around our topic of food and where our foods come from.

In Geography we will be finding out about the journey of foods and seasonal and daily weather patterns.

In R.E. we will be completing the unit 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' We will also be spending time looking at Harvest time.

In ICT we will be gaining basic computer skills and completing a unit - 'We are astronauts' which develops programming skills.

Our PSHE is based around the theme of Rights and Responsibilities.

In Design and Technology we will be finding out about a varied diet and creating some healthy foods to try.

In Art we will be practising a range of art skills using different media and learning about artists such as Guiseppe Arcimboldo and Carl Warner.



In P.E. we will be developing our games - throwing and catching skills (netball skills) and dance skills.



Homework

Homework is half termly. At the beginning of each half term you will be sent a sheet of homework ideas linked to our current topics. These are also linked to the characteristics of learning which are incorporated and discussed regularly in our daily lessons. The Key Stage One characteristics of learning are Communication, Concentration, Team Work, Questioning, Risk taking, Imagining, Listening, Respect, Appreciation and Enthusiasm. Children may choose one (or more) of the activities on the homework grid and complete that task returning it to school by the specified date. We then spend time in each class looking at and discussing the projects. This half term our homework projects are based around our space topic. Please check the

separate homework project letter which will be in bookbags and on the school website, spare copies are also available in school should you need one.

Number Rockstars and Times Table Rockstars

In Year 1 children will be learning key number facts through Number Rockstars. Each half term will have a focus which you will be informed about and children will have a weekly test based around these number facts. Please practice these facts with your children to help their progress.

Year 2 children will be starting Times Tables Rockstars. A separate letter will come home explaining how this works and children will receive their own individual login to use both at home and school. As well as the computer based tests we carry out a timed weekly test.

Dates for your Diary

KS1 Open Classroom ~. Tuesday 17th September between 2:30-3pm. This is an opportunity for you to come in and see your child in their classrooms and informally meet the teacher and staff who work with your children.

Illness

As you may be aware we have a child in Year One who is undergoing chemotherapy. During these times his immunity levels become lower and catching a bug can have a serious impact on his treatment. Please ensure that if your child is ill, that you keep them off school until they are well enough to return. Please remember the required time is 48 hours after last sickness and diarrhea before a return to school.

Helping your child at home ~ Reading

At school children will read individually or take part in Guided Reading activities with an adult on a weekly basis. It is also essential that children read regularly at home. Ten minutes daily can make a huge difference to children's progress across a year. When you have heard your child read please make a comment or write in the book name in the reading record and initial it. This helps us to know that your child needs to change their reading book. You can also help your child by asking them questions about the story once they have read it e.g. who were the main characters? what happened first / next? etc. Which was your favourite part of the story and why?



If you have any concerns or would like to ask us a question please come and see a member of staff. If we can't answer the question or deal with a concern straight away we will endeavour to find a suitable time to discuss it with you as soon as possible. If we don't know about a problem we cannot do anything to try and help.

Kind regards
The Key Stage One Team