

Year 1 Term 2 Newsletter 2016

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and that you are looking forward to the new term.

Newsletters will be given out at the beginning of every term and we hope you find these useful.

This term's curriculum

Below are some details of the work that the children will be covering.

Topic Area	Celebrations
English	Initial, middle and final sounds in words. Plan, organise and edit work. Respond to marking in order to further improve. Poetry writing: writing new lines for a poem; working with a partner and looking at rhyming words. Use describing words in their writing. Non-fiction writing about vehicles. Reading a variety of texts: fiction; non-fiction and poetry. Different reading strategies developed: sounding out; using the pictures; using the context and seeing if it makes sense.
Maths	Read and write numbers to 20 and beyond in numerals and write numbers in words to 10. Count in 2s to 20 and beyond. Count in 5s to 20 and beyond. Count in 10s to 50 and beyond. Identify one more and one less than a given number to 20 and beyond. Order objects using the terms 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and beyond. Find the missing number in a sequence up to 10 and beyond. Add/subtract 2 1-digit numbers to 10, including 0. Tell the time using o'clock and half past.
Science	Sources of light - natural and man-made. Shadows and how they are made. Sound - how different sounds are made. How music is made and the different materials instruments are made from.
Humanities	History - toys in the past compared to present day.
Art	Firework pictures using different media. Diwali patterns. Make Christmas cards.
Design and Technology	Design and make Christmas decorations and wrapping paper.
Music	Learn and perform songs for Christmas performance.
PE	Gymnastics and Dance.
RE	Festivals of Light - Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. Re-tell the Christmas story.
Computing	Use the web safely to find ideas for an illustration. Select and use appropriate painting tools to create and

	<p>change images on the computer. Understand how this use of ICT differs from using pen and paper. Create an illustration for a particular purpose. Know how to save, retrieve and change their work. Reflect on their work and act on feedback required.</p>
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Useful Websites

We thought it would be useful for you to have some of the websites we will be using for the term's work. These could be used at home to reinforce some of their work.

An excellent website for Maths and English based games is:

www.ictgames.co.uk

A useful website to reinforce our science work is:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips.

Other useful websites are:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.nrich.maths.org

Mornings

As the children continue to settle into Year 1, please say goodbye to them at the outside door. Any messages regarding after school pick ups and arrangements can be left for the class teacher on their message boards in the zip bag outside the fenced area or with an adult on the door.

Outside Area

The fenced areas outside each classroom are a great resource for the children. Please can you help us by keeping these areas clear at the beginning and end of the school day, and not letting younger children play there.

Absences and lateness

It is important that when children are absent, the letter you send into school gives the reason for the absence. There is a code system that we use in our electronic registration system and any absence not having the correct code is noted as an unauthorised absence. We also need to record any pupils who are continually late. The doors are open at 8:35 a.m. and teachers start calling the register at 8:50 a.m. The door to year 1 will close at 8.50am and any child arriving after this will need to enter school via the school office. This will result in a late mark. Any child arriving after 8.50 a.m. needs to arrive via the Woodgate Road entrance when a late mark will again be recorded.

Picking up

Please wait outside your child's fenced area at 2.50pm. The children will be ready with their things for going home and when we have seen you we will ask your child to go to you. This avoids a rush, is safe and allows for a calm end to the day.

Correspondence

Correspondence will be made through the notice board and letters in your child's book bags. For this reason we ask you to keep the book bags clean and uncluttered. Letters will be available on the school website and some will be emailed to you.

Home Reading Books

We will gradually be helping the children to become more independent with changing their books. From time to time they may still select a book that seems too easy or hard. Books in each level do vary and it is important for children to choose books they will enjoy. If they seem too difficult then please support them, if they seem too easy then challenge them to answer questions about what they have read.

Remember your child's reading will develop at his/her own rate. Be patient and above all remember that reading should be fun! You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the Reading Diary but please always acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating the Reading Diary. We will continue with our raffle tickets for reading 7 days in a row 😊.

Library Books

We also like children to borrow books from the class library and they may do this on a daily or weekly basis. These books are not meant to be graded reading books but rather books of interest that you can share together.

PE kits and painting shirts

PE day is a Wednesday for year 1. Please make sure all pupils have a full named P.E kit in school on those days. Now that the weather is getting colder, pupils may wear jogging bottoms/leggings and a long sleeved sweatshirt on top of their P.E kit if they wish. They can also wear trainers. Please remember jewellery is not to be worn in school, just studs for pierced ears. Long hair must be tied back. Your child's kit will be sent home at the end of every term.

Visitors and Parent helpers

We always welcome visitors related to our topic this term: **Celebrations**. We also love to have parent helpers to assist with reading and other activities. If you would like to come in to help please see the office to organise a DBS check.

Christmas performance

The year 1 Christmas performance is on Tuesday 13th December at 1.45pm. More information to follow.

Thank you for your support.

Year 1 Team