

Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a fantastic summer break.

Thank you for completing your reading challenge over the summer. We are looking forward to discussing the wonderful reading adventures the children have been on during the holidays.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children over the next year. We hope to have many exciting and enjoyable learning experiences together.

You can find out more information about our curriculum within this newsletter. Please look at our class page on the school website to see what we have been learning about during the school day.

You can also follow us on Twitter @WhaplodeYear1

Mrs Worth and Mrs Willingale



PE

Year 1 will have PE on Monday and Wednesdays. Please ensure the children arrive at school in PE kits and have earrings removed prior to these sessions.

For PE a T-shirt, jogging bottoms/shorts, jumper and trainers will be needed.

Spellings

Each Monday, the children will be given spellings to learn for a spelling test on the following Monday.

Homework

Homework is given out each Friday to be returned the following Thursday for marking.

Reading

Please hear your child read 4 x weekly and make a note of their progress in their reading diary. Reading regularly at home supports your child's reading fluency and confidence.

Autumn Term 1 Key Texts

These are the books that we will be sharing in whole class reading, writing lessons and for our class reader at the end of the day.

The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers
Seasons by Hannah Pang
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena
Paddington by Michael Bond
Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne
The elephant and the bad baby By Elfrida Vipont
When a Dragon Goes to School by Caryl Hart
Peace at Last by Jill Murphy
Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Science

In Science, the children will learn about the parts of the human body and their functions. Children study the eye in more detail, learning that scientists look closely at things to find out how they work. The children will work scientifically in this unit, exploring senses and experiencing how we use them.

Writing Skills

In writing lessons we be learning how to write sentences to form a short story by using the text 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers as a stimulus. During their lessons the children will develop their understanding and use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. The children will be encouraged to use their phonics to help them to spell words and begin to spell year 1 common exception words correctly.

Maths

In Maths we will begin by counting, ordering, reading and writing numbers within 10. Alongside this we will be developing the children's understanding of mathematical vocabulary such as: equal to, more than and less than. Once the children have developed a deeper understanding we will move onto addition and subtraction within 10.

Geography

In Geography, the children will lean about aerial views to support their understanding of maps. They will learn how to draw their own map and about the different symbols used on a map and what they mean. The four-point compass will be introduced, and children will use some positional language to describe locations.

Year 1's Curriculum Overview

PSHE & RE

In RE the children will be exploring what Christians believe God is like. During this unit they will be able to identify what a parable is and give simple accounts of what different texts means to Christians.

In PSHE the children will learn about their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class and how their views are valued and to the school Learning Charter.

PE – Ball Skills and Team Building

The children will develop their fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling and dribbling with both hands and feet. They will look to perform these skills with increasing control and accuracy using co-ordination and balance. The children will also be participating in team games and developing simple tactics.

Art

In Art the children will be explore the works of Mondrian, Bruegel the Elder, Van Gogh, Vermeer and Monet. They will learn about primary and secondary colours; warm and cool colours; tints and shades. This will then help the children to create their own paintings and allow them to practise good mixing technique and brush control.

Music

In music the children will be listening to and appraising the song 'Hey You!' and other Hip Hop songs. They will learn how to sing the song, play instruments with the song and improvise with the song. Finally the children will perform the song and share their learning.

Computing

In Computing this term the children will be learning about computing systems and networks. They will develop their mouse skills to be able to complete a self portrait using digital painting skills. The children will also learn how to keep themselves safe online.