

Year One

Newsletter

10th September 2021

Welcome to Year 1!

It has been lovely to welcome the children into year one and we are pleased to say they have settled in really well.

What are we learning this half term?

Literacy



This half term in Literacy we will be reading traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk,

linked to our topic about castles. We will be re-telling familiar stories, looking at characters and descriptions, as well as changing characters in well known tales. You could help your child by reading traditional stories at home, such as Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Little Pigs. Please discuss with your child the characters, settings, beginning, middle and end of the stories that you read together.

Maths



In maths we have been looking at place value and numbers up to 20. We have been using these numbers to add and subtract using objects, numicon and number lines.

This half term we will be continue to practise addition and subtraction, as well as looking at 2D and 3D shapes using the correct language to describe them.

We will also be learning how to measure using non-standard units as well as learning about money and the value of different coins. We will begin to problem solve in these concepts.



Topic Work

This term our topic is "Through the Key Hole".

During the half term we will be learning about castles, Kings and Queens, as well as looking at different castles on maps of the United Kingdom.

Our challenge at the end of this topic will be for the children to work in small teams to build a castle. They will use all the information they have learned about different castles in History to design and build their own castle, ensuring it meets specific criteria. We look forward to seeing the children working as a team!



Science

We will be going on a walk around the school grounds to look at the features of Autumn.

We will also learn about the changes in weather and daylight hours.



ICT

This half term we are learning about E safety, making sure children understand that some games and films are for children of certain ages. We will be talking about stranger danger and being safe in lots of different situations. Children will continue to use i-Pads and laptops in the classroom.

Reminders



PE- Children will need to bring their PE kit every Tuesday. Whenever the weather allows, the children will continue to

go outside for PE. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit – white or sky blue T-shirt and black or navy shorts/ jogging bottoms. Children may wear a black or navy tracksuit top to keep them warm, but please no hooded tops.

Children **SHOULD NOT** be wearing earrings in school.



Reading books – Reading books have now been assigned to the children and will match the phonics sounds that the children have been taught.

Reading books need to be returned to school in book bags every day. Please ensure your child reads at least 3 times a week and that you evidence this by signing their reading record each time your child has read. We are continuing to monitor and reward children with a sticker - towards buying a book from the shop.

How can you help with your child's learning?

We recommend that children read at home every day. Reading daily can have a huge impact on your child's learning and will also help with their writing. We understand that parents are really busy, but if you try to read as part of your daily routine, such as at bedtime, it will really make a difference.

Please also help your child to learn their spellings as this will really help them with their reading and writing.

Polite Reminder

School starts at 8:40 a.m. Children must be supervised by their parent on the playground until this time. Class teachers are on the playground from 8:30a.m. to meet and greet children and parents.

At 8:40 a.m. the children will be asked to line up and will walk in together.

Thank you for your support.



The Year 1 Team