



YEAR 1

AUTUMN TOPICS

2019

Welcome to Year 1! The children have all had an amazing first few weeks in and they have all settled into Year One really well. Our newsletter informs you about the topics and some of the objectives we will cover this term.

Maths

- Counting on and back including one more and one less. Counting in multiples of 2 and 5.
- Using models and pictorial representations.
- Number bonds.
- Addition and subtraction of 1 digit numbers including the use of symbols.
- Recognising common 2D and 3D shapes.

English

- Daily phonics, handwriting and Guided reading
- Grammar: Use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in a written sentence.
- Writing genres will include: Lists and labels, Poetry, Stories with a familiar setting and Non-Fiction

Science

- Animals including humans
- Light and dark
- Seasonal changes

Creative Curriculum

Our Creative Curriculum topic focuses on Science and Geography. We will be looking at our environment and the animals (including humans). Our two topics are "Who are you?" and "Surprise."

Computing

- Online safety and exploring purple mash.
- Grouping and sorting.
- Pictograms



RE and PSHE

- What does it mean to belong?
- Fun times
- Me and others

Music

- Exploring sounds and duration

PE

- Gymnastics and games
- Dance and gym

Art and Design

- Observational drawings
- Designing and making fruit kebabs

How to help at home

The children have access to a range of different websites, which will support their learning. They should already know their passwords and be able to access these sites but if there are any problems please let us know.

Db Primary – Allows the children to share work with their classmates, check the class pages to see photographs of your child's learning and our half-termly topics.

Purple Mash – A new learning platform that supports the children in maths, reading, writing and spelling through a series of games and activities.

Bug Club – An online reading programme allowing your child to read a variety of different books allocated by the teacher and answer questions about these.

Reading books

Children can change their reading books once a week. They will be choosing their own books from their book band, with adult support. Listening to your child read regularly really does make a difference. Please write a comment or tick, in the reading record when you have heard them read.

Guided Reading

After the October half-term, children will read in a group with their teacher as part of a weekly Guided Reading session, focusing on developing phonics and comprehension skills.

Library books

Children have the opportunity to visit the school library each week to choose a library book. 1AR change their books on Monday. 1JG change books on Wednesday. Children can choose a new library book when they return the previous one.

Spellings

Children will bring home spellings to complete in their spelling book. These need to be **returned by Friday** and will be sent home with the new spellings at the end of the day.

DB challenge

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing DB Primary to the class. Please check this regularly to find out about your child's current learning and the exciting challenges and links that you can try at home.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly labelled. PE days in Year 1 are: 1JG and 1AR both have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Trips and Visits

As part of our Geography topic, we will be going on a walk to explore the local area on Friday 18th October approximate time 1.30 till 3.30. We need 5 parents per class to volunteer to ensure we have the correct adult to child ratio.

Can you help? If you are medical professional (Doctor/ Nurse/ Dentist etc) and would be happy to come into school to talk to the children about your job, please speak to Mrs Glosek or Miss Robertson.

Additional Websites

The following websites may offer additional support.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/> - Maths and English games

<http://www.ictgames.com/> - Maths and English games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> – Maths games and advice

<https://phonicsplay.co.uk/> - phonics games

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games> - curriculum related activities