



# Key Stage One Newsletter Autumn Term 2018



Welcome to a new school year. We have a lot planned for this term and the rest of the year. This newsletter will detail some of the important information but if you need any clarification or want more details then please speak to your child's class teacher.

The children have had a fantastic start back to school and have settled into routine well. They are showing their enthusiasm to learn which is brilliant! Not only are they working hard but they also look really smart in their uniforms and black school shoes—we appreciate your support in this.

Please make sure that the children's clothes are all named to avoid us having lots of lost property.

## Key Stage One Team

Yr 1 Tadpoles Class - Mrs Dakramendjian

Yr 1 Minnows Class - Mrs Cribbens

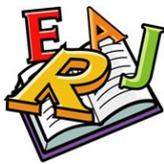
Yr 2 Sticklebacks Class - Mrs Dearn (KS1 team leader)

LTAs—Miss Jacobs, Miss Brady, Mrs Skelton, Mrs Jain (HLTA)

Mr MacDonald will also be teaching KS1 computing lessons.



## Curriculum Information



### Literacy

Our Literacy work this half-term will begin with the children looking at the story Dogger by Shirley Hughes and the film Toy Story. They will be retelling Dogger and describing settings in the book. They will also be describing characters from Toy Story thinking about what they do and how they look.

Next half term, we will be linking our Literacy lessons with our topic of The Circus, where we will be looking at reports, letters and writing our own adventure story.

Read write Inc will start next week and we are sure the children will enjoy learning their sounds in their new groups. If you want to know more, ask your child! They will continue to have spellings every week which they will need to practise at home daily.

### Numeracy



We will start the year by looking at number and how we understand the value of number.

We will then be focusing on adding and subtracting in Year 1. In Year 2 we will focus on the 4 operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and improving the children's skills further when using these. Within this, we will also be working on the children's ability to use their calculation skills to solve puzzles and word problems.

Later in the term, Year 1 will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and Year 2 will look at how to measure length and mass.

Children will also be completing daily maths drills which will all start next week. You can help them with their maths skills by asking them known number facts, such as times tables.

## Curriculum information continued

Our theme for

this term is Toys!

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In Science children will be learning about uses of everyday materials. We will be exploring the properties of materials and thinking about how they are suitable for different purposes. We will be carrying out lots of investigations too!

Our Computing this half term will be focusing on identifying different types of technology and functions of a computer. We will also discuss internet safety and ensuring that children know how to stay safe whilst using the internet.

In History this term Key Stage 1 will be exploring the history of toys. We will be finding out about how toys have changed since the children's parents and grandparents were children. They will also compare Victorian and modern toys.

In Design Technology this term the children will be creating their own moving toy. The children will design, make and then evaluate their finished moving toy based on a nursery rhyme. They will also be learning about winding mechanisms including a cog, axle and winder.

In RE pupils will be learning about Christianity and Judaism. They will look at key figures in both religions and their roles.

In PSHE we will be looking at setting goals and the impact of changes in our lives.

## Dates for your diary

Looking ahead.....

19th September - Teddy Bear's Picnic

28th September—Open Morning and Macmillan Coffee Morning

3rd October—Sticklebacks Harvest Assembly

11th October—Maths Open Evening 5-6pm

16th, 17th and 18th October—Parents Evening

26th October—Finish for Half Term Holiday

*More details for events above will be sent home nearer the time.*

## Water Bottles



Every child needs to have a water bottle in school filled with water so that they don't become dehydrated during the school day.

Please make sure that the bottle is named.

## PE Times <sup>Tad-</sup>

**poles:** Tuesday and Friday

**Minnows:** Wednesday and Friday

**Sticklebacks:** Monday and Wednesday

All pupils in Key Stage One need to bring their P.E. kits (black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers) every Monday. Kits can be taken home on Friday afternoon for washing.

The PE cup is awarded to the class with the most children in full PE kit, so please ensure your child has the correct kit for each lesson. Every class would love to win the trophy!



## Reminder

- ◆ Your child will be given spellings every **Wednesday** and will need to practise them ready for a spelling test on the following **Wednesday**.
- ◆ The children will be given homework tasks every **Thursday**. Please ensure that they complete these tasks and return them to school on a **Monday**.
- ◆ Please ensure that you read everyday with your child and sign their school diary.
- ◆ Please can you remind your child to bring their book bag and diary to school everyday.
- ◆ As always, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.