



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1

This is the first newsletter of the year. A big welcome to year 1! We hope you had a brilliant summer.

Maths

We will initially focus on securing our knowledge of numbers within 20. We will count within 20 and add and subtract. We will then move onto numbers within 30. Before half term we will start to look at shapes and their properties. Help your child by doing a maths challenge from the homework sheet every week.

Literacy

Literacy links to our topic. We will focus on thinking of a sentence, holding it in our head, saying it and then writing it. We will try to start every sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full stop. We will continue to work on our handwriting and making it smaller. The focus is on quality before quantity and children will try to get each sentence correct before moving on. Please complete all literacy homework each week and apply these principles at home.

Phonics

Children will continue to have daily phonics sessions. Children are expected to know all sounds by the May of year 1. Phonics is fast paced and it is crucial your child is in school as much as possible to ensure they do not miss new sounds. Please help your child by reading with them at home and completing all phonics homework.

Computing

We will start the year by exploring E-Safety. Please continue to discuss this at home with your children. We will learn how to log on to the computer and access purple mash and spelling shed. Log ins have come home with your child.

Explore the main keys of the keyboard (shift for capitals, full stop, space and back-space) at home to help your child.

Topic—Rio de Vida

This topic is all about Brazil and carnivals. We will learn to Samba and have lots of opportunities to be creative. We will explore the Olympics and look and features of Brazil. We will play instruments to traditional music.

RE—God's World

Creation will be our focus and we will explore the beauty of God's world. We will retell some of the earliest stories from the Bible and discuss what we can learn from them.

Awards

Please send any awards your child has achieved as part of out of school activities into school so they can be shared in awards assembly on a Friday afternoon.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on a **Monday** in your child's reading folder. Please return this the following **Monday** in the folder.

Phonics

Homework will link to the sound(s) taught the previous week.

Writing

Children should write about something they have done that week. Ways to help your child are in the front cover of the book.

Reading

Children will change their book on a Monday. Reading records must be signed. The new book will be sent out on a Monday with homework.

Maths

A maths challenge sheet has been sent home. Please complete one challenge a week at least with your child.

Topic

The homework sheet is sent at the start of each topic. Children can choose an activity every couple of weeks, complete it and bring it in.

If homework is not in on the correct day (apart from due to absence) unfortunately it will not be marked. Reading books which are returned late will be changed at our earliest convenience.



PE is on a Monday and Tuesday with the sports coach. Please check that all PE kit and uniform is labelled and encourage your child to get dressed and undressed independently at home.

Please check your child's school bag every night.

Water bottles must be in school daily.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to the any member of the year 1 team before or after school.

Miss Worthington, Miss Knowles and Mrs Lormor
