



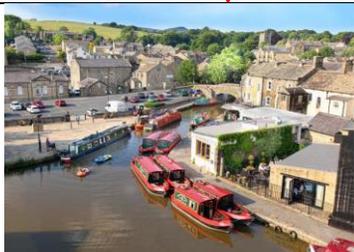
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year One Autumn Term Two! If you are new to our school, welcome to our school! We have had a very successful first half term; the children are working very hard and have settled into Year One extremely well. If you have any enquires or problems please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience, well wishes, concern and understanding with my not being in school at the end of the last half term. This was due to medical issues, which I am hopeful have now been resolved.

Thank you once again for your support.

Mrs Moon, Mrs Hey and Miss Thomas



Our topic this half term is 'Our Local Area', which links to our previous topic of 'Dungeons and Dragons' (based on Skipton Castle). I am sure the children will be very excited to learn about our area !

English - Our English work will first be focused on writing instructions - we will explore these stories through drama, art, reading and writing. The unit will be based around imitation, innovation and finally independent application. You could support this work at home by exposing the children to instructions

through reading, giving them verbally and following them together. After this, we will move onto poetry, based on the season of Winter, perhaps with a focus on Christmas!

Maths - For the first four weeks we will work on addition and subtraction. Children will use number bonds to ten and related subtraction facts. Children will use numbers to 10 to complete addition and subtraction work. Children will interpret the mathematical symbols - + =. Children will also solve one step problems that involve addition and subtraction. After this, we will move onto shape, where we will focus on recognising and sorting 2D and 3D shapes, and creating patterns using these. After this, we will come back to Place Value, where we will have a big focus on teen numbers. We will learn how these numbers can be portioned into ten and ones, count one more and one less, compare groups of objects, compare groups, compare number and order groups and numbers.

Religious Education - Our RE topic for this term is 'Mary, Mother of God'. In this unit we will learn about the Annunciation and Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and reflect on how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will also learn about Mary's role in the birth of Jesus as well as learning that Mary is our Mother too and reflecting on this. Throughout this unit, we will expand the children's religious education and also their ability to recognise religious stories, recognise religious signs, symbols, words and phrases, recognise that people act in a certain way because of their religion, talk about their own feelings and experiences and also say what they wonder about.

Science - Our Science unit this half term is based on the seasonal change from Autumn to Winter. Throughout this unit we will observe and describe these seasonal changes. We will also work on gathering and recording data through taking part in an Autumnal Walk around the school grounds. We will learn how day length varies depending upon the season and about how seasonal changes impact upon Animals.

PE - Our PE work this term will be based around ball skills. PE lessons will be taken by Mr Douglass and children should ensure they have their PE kits in school at all times. This half term, there will be a focus on dance.

Creative Curriculum (Focus on Geography and DT this half term) - We will learn about the geographical features in our local area - both human and physical. We will also learn how to use simple field work and observational skills to think about what our local area is like. After this we will be learning about the features of maps and how to use them, based upon our Local Area. We will think about the different types of housing in our area, and make a model of our own homes. We will also learn about the jobs available in our area and interview the people who have these jobs. We will also think about positive changes that could be made to our Local Area and write to the council with suggestions, hopefully we will get some replies!

Weekly Homework

* **Reading** - One Phonics reading book and two story reading books will be sent home weekly and should be read at home. Please make a short note in the reading record after each reading session. Please ensure that the children's reading books are always in their folders.

* **Phonics** - Each week the children will receive phonics homework that is related to the sound/s they have been learning that week.

* **Homework grid** - One piece of homework from our 'Homework Grid' should be completed each week. The sections of the grid are based around English, Maths, Topic, RE or Science. This homework will be marked weekly, on a Thursday.

Please see front of Homework books for grid and a full explanation of homework expectations. Children should place their homework in our homework tray when complete.

Dates for your Diary

7 th and 8 th November	Parents evenings
8 th November	Whole School remembrance mass, church @9.15
9 th November	FOSS race night
12 th November	'The Selfish Giant' theatre group in school
20 th November	KS1 Mass @ Church, 9,15AM
20 th November	Skipton Field Trip - Geography
21 st November	Balance Bikeability for Y1
28 th November	Forest School Trip
6 th December	Whole School Mass, 9.15, Hall
7 th December	FOSS Disco
11 th December	KS1 Mass: @ Church, 9.15
12 th December - Dress rehearsal for Nativity (if you can't make the day after you are welcome to this!)	
13 th December	Nativity performance
20 th December	Carol Service - Whole School

You are always most welcome to join us at mass. If personally you can't make it, please feel free to invite a friend or relative to join us.



Special Events/Activities/News

PE will take place on Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the appropriate school PE uniform - a white T-shirt, navy shorts and black pumps, in school on those days. Please ensure earrings are either covered or

removed, as well as other jewellery. It would also be really helpful to the children if every piece of their uniform, including their PE kit is clearly labelled with their name, so that if it does get mislaid, it can be easily returned to them. Please also practise with children getting changed quickly and independently into their kit.

We are constantly on the look-out for volunteers. If you, or a family member or friend are able to kindly spare some time either on a weekly or one off basis to come into school and help us with readers, assisting lessons and making resources, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We also need the help of additional adults every time we go on a school trip. Without this help, we would be unable to run the trips. Please keep in mind this does not have to be a parent as we understand lots of people have work commitments. This could also be another family member, such as a Grandparent etc.

I am pleased to announce our Nativity this year will be 'The Inn Crowd' (see dates above). Please keep an eye out for a note coming home which will explain your child's part in the Nativity and any costume they may require. We do encourage costumes to be sourced from clothing the children already have at home, we don't expect anyone to go to any trouble or spend money on expensive costumes!

As part of our Geography unit based on our local area, we will be taking part in a Forest School day (see date above). It is essential children are wrapped up as warm as possible on this day in waterproof clothing with sensible and sturdy footwear.

As part of our Geography unit based on our local area, the children will take part in a Geography Field Trip, focussing on the human and physical features of our area.

We are very lucky to have a Student Teacher, Miss Rachel Thomas, working with us for the rest of the year (with an exception of several weeks, where Miss Thomas will have to take part in an alternate placement). We look forward to working together. Miss Thomas will be working under the guidance of Mrs Moon.

As part of our Geography unit based on our local area, Travelling Ted will be coming home with a child each week. He can stay with you all week, but please ensure he is returned by Friday so he can go to somebody else's house the next week. Your child will be asked to complete a small diary entry for Travelling Ted, detailing his week with you. Please note that children are not expected to do the grid style homework if they have had Travelling Ted that week.

As part of the build up to Christmas, children will be asked to bring home a Travelling Crib. Again, this will come with a little book for the children to express what they have done with the Travelling Crib. Each child should return the Travelling Crib the day after they have received it, so we can really build up the momentum to Christmas! Please note that children are not expected to do the grid style homework if they have had the Travelling Crib that week.