

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a fantastic Summer break!



Topic

In Year 1, our exciting topics for the Autumn Term are called 'Land, Sea and Sky' and 'Hot and Cold'.

During the first half of the term, children will begin to consider their own history before moving on to thinking about what life was like for children in the past. Following October half term, children will focus on local geography, thinking about where we are in the world and how we can improve our local community. In Science, we will be learning all about 'Animals Including Humans'. We will develop our understanding around what makes us human and how we classify animals into groups by their individual features.

English

In the first half term, children will be focusing on the story 'The Bog Baby' and will start to make predictions about texts and provide reasoning for characters feelings and actions. Children will also start to use adjectives and nouns to develop their writing and correct sentence structure will be a focus throughout all English learning. After the October half term, we will be focusing on the story 'Lost and

Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We will learn how to write fact files as part of non-fiction writing and focus on lists. Please see poster included in the homework wallets regarding our reading challenge.



Maths

This term, Year 1 will begin to deepen their understanding of number, what they represent and their place value. They will learn to sequence numbers and given any number to 100, identify one more and one less. The children will begin to solve addition and subtraction problems, using a range of methods for working out. They will broaden their knowledge of both 2D and 3D shapes by exploring their properties. We will also focus on Length, Mass and Weight using non-standard units of measure. The children will be able to broaden their knowledge of both 2D and 3D shapes by investigating and describing their properties. Following the October half term, we will also be looking at money and deepening our understanding of the aforementioned topics.



RE & Worship

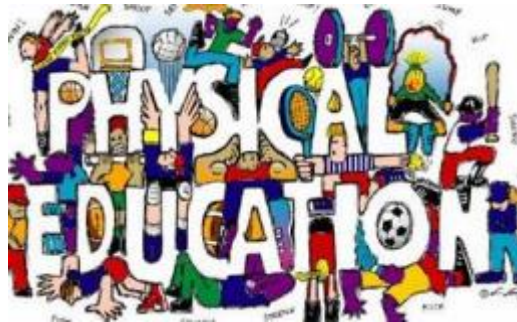
The topics in RE this term are 'Harvest', 'God and Creation' and 'Christmas' allowing children to explore their Christian religion in detail. Children will explore advent, different types of gifts and the meaning of Christmas. During worship, we will be placing a focus on 'God's aspirational readers' and look forward to our RE enrichment day.



PE

During our PE sessions for the Autumn term, we will place a large focus on fundamental skills across a range of activities. For the first half term, we will also be focusing on throwing

and catching. We will look at how to develop both our throwing and catching techniques and applying these to game situations.



Year 1 Notices

PE Kits: Please ensure that your child has an outdoor PE kit for the Autumn Term. This must be in school every day and should include either a navy blue or black tracksuit. Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

Water bottles: Every child needs their own water bottle with their name on. These can be refilled in school

Uniform: Please ensure that each item of uniform is clearly name labelled and that your child knows where these labels are to avoid your child losing anything.

How to help your child at home

Maths

- Practice 2 and 5 times tables daily
- Practice number bonds to 10 and 20
- Have an analogue clock in the house for children to begin learning telling the time
- Introduce children to using and counting different coins

English

- Read with your child 4/5 times a week for 10 minutes and discuss what has been read
- Practice reading and writing tricky words

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to either Miss Scrivens, Mrs Walmsley or myself.

We are looking forward to an exciting Autumn term!

Mrs Dixon



General Notices and Dates

Class Information Night – Thursday 14th September at 5pm. Further details will be posted on Class Dojo

Uniform - CCCR school book bags are school uniform in KS1. Due to limited space, rucksacks and personal bags are not permitted.

Reading books - will be changed generally on Mondays and Fridays, however books need to be in school every day and kept inside the plastic wallet issued at the beginning of term - thank you. Please ensure that reading records are SIGNED and DATED, otherwise children's books cannot be changed.

Homework – any homework should be handed into school on Monday's only. Each piece of homework should be clearly named to ensure it can be returned to your child. Please see homework grid task 5 regarding weekly maths homework expectations.