

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As we begin a new term, our children are becoming more familiar with the routines and expectations of Year 1. Parental support and involvement is vital in Year 1 so here is a summary of what will be taught in class during the Autumn term so you can support your child at home.

ENGLISH

Year 1 pupils will begin their Year 1 English lessons by focusing on sentence writing and letter formation, all based around the story Dear Zoo. This will be followed with their Grammarsaurus unit in Autumn 2, which strengthen sentence structure and will be applying this to a text. During Autumn 1, we will be focusing on sentence writing and capital letters and full stops in our writing. We will be writing descriptions and captions to describe the stories we will be reading.

In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on Traditional Tales. We will be focusing on our sentence skills further through non-fiction and fiction writing. Throughout Autumn term in English lessons, children will be working hard to use punctuation for all sentences and develop their vocabulary. We will also be focusing on improving our spelling skills and improving our handwriting as we begin to use cursive handwriting to join letters. Year 1 will be taking part in daily spelling sessions where they will focus on using their phonics sounds to help them to spell the Year 1 common exception words.

It is important that children are reading regularly at home and bring their book bag to school daily.



MATHS

Year 1 pupils will be learning to count, recognise and compare numbers from 0 to 10. This will build up to the children learning to count to and from 20, forwards and backwards. We will then continue to build out counting skills from 20 up to 100, forwards and backwards, looking at the pattern in counting from 20 to 100. Children will also be learning to count in tens and in decade numbers. This will help the children to develop a stronger knowledge of their numbers from 0-100, and be able to count up to 100, forwards and backwards, from any given number.

RE

We continue to follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy.

Year 1 will be learning more about the Bible and focusing on a range of stories from the Bible. Through our unit 'Creation' we will be learning about how God created the world, why he created it for us and how we can look after the world. Our second unit will focus on 'Families and Celebrations' within our Church.

Before Christmas, we will be completing our Advent unit where we will be focusing on the importance of preparing for Jesus' birth and His second coming.

We will also be learning about different places of Worship as part of our multi faith curriculum.

Throughout the year, children will continue to attend Mass on a Wednesday and prayer services in school. Children will continue with daily Collective Worship opportunities in school and will have the opportunity to plan and lead these themselves within their class.

GEOGRAPHY

During the Autumn term, children are completing a unit for 'Do our school grounds support plant life?' We will be learning about our school environment and recognising the places around our school. We will be able to name and locate our local town, and describe the local area. In addition to this, we will learn about famous landmarks through pictures and discussions, and human and physical features of our environment.

SCIENCE

Children will be completing a unit titled Animals including Humans' during Autumn 1. During this unit, we will be learning about the different animal groups and describing similarities and differences in animals, including humans. When learning about humans, Year 1 will be able to name and locate the main parts of the human body, and will understand the role of the skeleton. Year 1 will also be learning about the five senses and how they are used through both practical and written tasks.

COMPUTING

Children will learning about online safety, discussing ways to keep ourselves safe online and the importance of doing this. Children will be able to identify where to go for help and support if they have any concerns

MUSIC

Children will be beginning their musical journey with the unit 'Rhyming in Time' from Charanga. We will learn to move in time with a beat, find a pulse and respond to different *tempos*



ART and D+T

As part of our Art this half term, children will be completing a unit called 'Monochromatic art: Christa Rijneveld'. We will start introducing the children to a range of art media and teaching children how to express themselves through art. We will be able to explore with colours and
In Autumn 2, we will be learning about moving mechanisms. We will research, design and

PE

During PE sessions, Year 1 are completing their first unit of Send and Return. Children will be developing their skills in sending an object with increasing confidence using their hands or a bat. They will move towards a ball, and send and return a variety of balls.

At home

Homework is set via Purple Mash **every Friday**. Please make sure that this is completed by the following **Thursday**.

It is important that children read at home **daily** and bring their book bag into school **every day** so they can also read with a teacher. Children will bring home one Phonics reading book and one reading for pleasure book chosen by the child.

Please ensure that home reading books are returned on your child's specific day each week and that reading diaries are filled in and signed each week.

P.E. and games lessons will be on a **Monday and Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kits and that they have the correct named kit in school with the correct red PE top for every session.

All children **must** have a school shirt and tie and **must** be wearing the correct school shoes. If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to have a chat with us at 3.35pm.

Mrs Harvey and Miss Cross
Year 1 Class Teachers.