

Autumn Term Newsletter

Class 1



Dear Parents,

First of all, a warm welcome to Class 1. I hope that you and your children had a lovely summer holiday. Unfortunately, Mrs Astley is still off sick at the moment so this term Class 1 will be taught by Miss Bevan. She has been working at the school part time for the last couple of years so the children know her well. This newsletter will inform you as to what the children will be learning this term and hopefully help you support them at home.

Topic

The children are really excited about our new topic 'Moon Zoom'. During this topic they will be exploring an 'alien crash site'. Whilst doing this the children will find out more about the moon, planets and stars. This will include finding out about Neil Armstrong's trip to the moon. They will make their own rockets and predict how far they will fly! They will also use an animation program to make an alien movie. The children will be introduced to French, exploring greetings, numbers, colours and simple questions. Within RE, the children will be thinking about families. The children will be thinking about the people who help them and provide advice, identify faith stories and the relationship people have with God, and explore from own experiences the consequences of action. In Computing the children will be using a graphics program to produce simple pictures.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be looking at a variety of Fiction and Non-Fiction books. We will be learning how to write sentences and how to punctuate them correctly with capital letters and full stops. Your child will be writing and reading in a variety of different ways; including labels and captions, instructions, familiar stories and poetry. Each day, the children will have chance to practice their handwriting in order to improve and develop the presentation of their work.

In order to teach the children how to spell they will be coming home with a mixture of spellings linked to the phonic spelling patterns they have been learning in class and common exception words (those words which cannot be sounded out). Please help the children to learn these words at home as they will be tested on them in school.

Numeracy

The children will be practicing their numbers to 20 and will begin to learn the numbers to 100. They will be practicing counting forwards and backwards and will begin to understand addition and subtraction.

They will also be solving problems using objects and pictures and will be exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. To help at home, you could practice counting forwards and backwards with your child.

The children will also be learning how to make up different amounts of money using a variety of coins.

They will be comparing the length and weight of different objects and will be learning how to use mathematical language such as longest/shortest, heaviest/lightest.

Science

At the beginning of this term, the children will be learning about 'The Body'. In this topic they will begin to recognise the parts of the body and they will also explore the five senses.

After half term, they will learn about 'Materials'. They will be investigating what materials are made from and they will sort them according to their properties

PE

The children will take part in PE twice a week on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please let me know if your child is unable to take part in PE either by telling me in the morning or by sending in a letter. Please could you ensure that all the children's clothes and pumps have their name in. The children will also need to be able to take their own earrings out if they have them pierced or not wear earrings on a Monday and Tuesday.

Reading and Homework

The children will be reading in school on a Monday and a Thursday. Please use the reading record to let me know how your child is reading at home. The children may need to read at other times in the week, therefore could you ensure that the children have their books in school everyday.

Each Friday the children will be given a piece of Literacy, Numeracy or Science homework. Please support the children to complete this at home. If there are any problems with the homework, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Reminder

It is very important that the children drink plenty of water during the day. Therefore I ask for the children to bring a fresh bottle of water to keep on their desk throughout the day. Sometimes, we can have little spills, therefore the children cannot have squash or fizzy drinks in the classroom. Please could you also make sure that your child's water bottle is stored away from their reading book on the way to school as last term we had quite a few water damaged books which had to be thrown away.

Also the door to the playground will be kept locked until the bell has gone in the morning as we are concerned about the safety of the children if they are in school unsupervised. If you do have a query or a problem and need to speak to a member of staff please could you use the main entrance. If it is raining you are more than welcome to come into the classroom with your child as long as they are supervised until the bell rings and a member of staff arrives.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to come and see Miss Bevan. She will be available before and after school.

