

Autumn Term Newsletter

Class 1



Dear Parents,

First of all, a warm welcome to Class 1. I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. I am really looking forward to the year ahead as we have many exciting things planned. This newsletter will tell you what the children will be learning this term in Class 1. I hope you find it informative and helpful.

Topic

The children are really excited about our new topic 'Moon Zoom'. During this topic they will be exploring an 'alien crash site' and in doing so will make simple electric circuits to try and make contact with the alien's planet so that the alien can return home! 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 continue to have Rock-it music sessions with Mrs Jones on a Tuesday morning and in French lessons they will be learning to name parts of the body. Whilst in RE the children will be discussing how we care for each other and how people from different faiths take part in different celebrations, such as Christening and naming ceremonies. In PSHE they will understand what it is like to be part of a community and they will discuss how to be a good friend. The children will also have the opportunity on October 4th to explore the night sky and its constellations in the school hall when we have a visit from the WonderDome. A letter with more information about this will follow.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be looking at a variety of Fiction and Non-Fiction books, such as How to Catch a Star and The man on the Moon. 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. The children will also continue to practice their phonics using Letter and Sounds. This will support them with their reading and writing in class.

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.

Science

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

Reading and Homework

The children will be reading in school on a Monday and a Friday. 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.

Show & Tell

Show & Tell will be on a Thursday. Therefore if your child has anything special to show that would be the ideal time to send it in, such as mementos from trips, pictures, books, certificates and trophies.

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 you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available before and after school. You can also contact me via email:

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Thank your for your support,

Mrs L Astley