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Autumn Term 2021 – Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new school year. The children have been settling well into their new classes and are learning the new routines.

English

In English we will be reading stories such as *The Enormous Crocodile* during Roald Dahl Week. We will also read 'Once There Were Giants' and *Elmer* and write our own stories. We will continue to use 'Talk for Writing' to help develop the children's oral, speaking and listening skills. The children will also read poetry and learn poems. Children will be learning about verbs, nouns and adjectives, as well as using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Weekly spellings will be set on **Spelling Shed** which children are expected to practise daily. Children will continue to develop their letter formation and handwriting skills. We encourage children to practise reading and writing at home so that they feel confident in their literacy skills.

Phonics

We use the Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme to teach children to read. Children will learn the 44 common sounds in the English language and how to blend them to read and spell. The scheme includes both a reading and a writing focus. The children will develop their skills of recognising sounds in words. All children will have a daily phonics lesson and they will be segmenting and blending letter sounds to help them when reading, writing and spelling.

Maths

The children will be learning about place value.

- ❖ Counting 0-50 forwards and backwards.
- ❖ Reading and writing numbers to 10 in numerals and words.
- ❖ Finding more than and less than a given number.
- ❖ Add one-digit numbers to 20 using + and = signs.
- ❖ Subtract one-digit numbers to 20 using – and = signs.
- ❖ Represent and use number bonds and related addition/subtraction facts within 10/20.
- ❖ Children will be using the mathematical language: What number is next to, before, after...? What is one more, one less?

We ask you to support your child by talking about the days of the week, dates and times of their daily routines.

Science

Our topic this half term is '**Me and My World**'. Children will be recognising and labelling different parts of their bodies and faces. Children will also be learning about the five senses – taste, smell, touch, sight, and hearing. Children will be taking part in practical activities to develop a greater understanding of the senses. Please support your child to identify the different parts of their bodies and the way they use their senses, for example, what sense do we use when we are eating? Or what can we see and hear in the environment? During each term, we will also be learning about seasonal changes taking place around us. For example, children will observe how the days get shorter in autumn, how the weather changes in winter and how some plants and animals grow and change in the different seasons.

Computing

Children will be learning how to log on/off the laptops, learning about the different functions of the keyboard, moving on to typing and saving their work. Internet safety will be a focus in all of our computing lessons.

Humanities

As part of topic work children will learn about their local environment.

PSHE

We will be looking at relationships, exploring what it means to be a part of a family or community and thinking about people who are special to us. Our value of the month is **respect** so we will learn what this means and how we show respect to others. We will also be thinking about the food we eat, where it comes from and talk about sharing food with others and say why we shouldn't be wasteful of food.

Music

Our topic is called 'All About Me' and we will learn about 'pulse & rhythm'

PE

This half term, children will be developing their skills in using their bodies to move and travel in different ways, and learning ball skills such as bouncing and catching. Children will explore the importance of teamwork.

PE timetable

Class	P.E. Day 1	P.E. Day 2
1 England	Wednesday	Thursday
1 Scotland	Wednesday	Thursday
1 Wales	Wednesday	Thursday

Please ensure your children wear the correct P.E kit to school on these days

Art/DT

Children will be completing a variety of art activities to enrich their learning across the curriculum. They will be involved in sketching projects. For example, they will be drawing self-portraits to help them identify the parts of the body. They will also learn about structures and make observational drawings of the local environment. They will take inspiration from the work of artist David Cox.

Homework

Homework will be set on **Google Classroom** and spellings on **SpellingShed**.

Children will receive English and Maths homework and they will be provided with a reading book. Please read the book and comment in the home / school reading booklet.

- ❖ Homework will be ready to access on **Google Classroom** on alternate **Fridays**.
- ❖ Children are expected to complete their *homework*, learn their *spellings* and bring their **reading books** back daily.
- ❖ They will be tested for spellings regularly and they will be read with each week.

Reminders

- ❖ Talk to your child about what they have learnt in school each day. Encourage them to ask questions to develop their knowledge and understanding of different concepts. **Please read with your child each day.**
- ❖ You can also join Oxford Owl e-books. Registration is free. You access the website via the following link <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading>
- ❖ **For your child's safety no jewellery should be worn to school.**
- ❖ Ensure children have their **names inside clothes** such as jumpers, cardigans and coats.
- ❖ Children can bring in a water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the day.

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Thank you for your support.

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