



Year 1 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Maney Hill Primary! ☺

The children have made a great start to life in Year 1 and the staff have enjoyed getting to know all of the children!

We have got lots of interesting topics for the children to explore in the first term. Here is an outline of some of the things we will be focussing on:

English

Our English focus for the first half term will be on animals. We will be reading, discussing and completing activities on a range of stories with animal characters including 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', "The Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood". After half term, we will be focussing on fairy tales, including Hansel and Gretel and Cinderella.

When writing we will be learning to compose simple sentences and implement capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in the correct places.

Maths

- Counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards.
- To identify and represent numbers using objects.
- Finding one more and one less than a given number.
- To read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.
- To add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20.
- To recognise and identify common 2D and 3D shapes.
- To solve one step addition and subtraction number problems.
- To compare, describe and solve practical problems for lengths/heights, mass/weight, capacity/volume.

Science

Animals including humans

We will be learning to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part is associated with each sense. There will be a specific focus on the five senses. We will experience a lot of practical lessons, to enable us to explore each sense in great depth. Prior to these sessions taking place we will write to you to ensure that we have an up to date database of children's dietary requirements. This will ensure all children have the opportunity to explore these sessions.

Seasonal changes

After half-term we will explore seasonal changes. We will be focussing on the specific changes that take place across the seasons. We will also observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how the day length varies. This aspect of the unit will also provide the opportunity for practical sessions and we plan to go on walks in the school field to identify the nature transitions that take place during each season.

Topic

Our topic for this term is 'Once upon a time on my way to...' where we will be learning all about famous explorers, such as Christopher Columbus, and the adventures they went on, drawing comparisons between the past and present day. We will look at a range of sources and see how we can use them to collect information. Additionally, we will be using atlases to locate the different countries of the UK and its surrounding seas.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on Monday and Wednesday for IM and on Tuesday and Friday for IR. This term we will develop skills in basketball and multi-skills as well as improving proficiency and confidence in dance and gymnastics.

Children will also have regular R.E. lessons.

Homework and Spellings

- One piece of homework will be handed out each Friday, to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Homework will alternate between English and Maths although a piece of Science or Topic may occasionally be sent out instead.
- The children will also get spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Spellings will be handed out on Friday, in spelling books, to be learnt at home for a test the following Friday. As a way of learning spellings, we would recommend getting your child to use them within basic sentences which can be written in Homework books. Not only does this help with spelling the words, but also puts the words into context, builds your child's vocabulary and develops their sentence structure.

Reading

- Each child should be reading frequently at home and children will have the opportunity to change their reading book on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** although should establish a deep understanding of the text before changing books.
- Children will be read with regularly in school so it would be helpful if they had their reading record with them in school every day.

Diary Dates

- Parents' Welcome Meeting – 18th September
- Parents' Inspire Workshops – 18th October (IM)/9th November (IR)
- Parents' Evening – 11th & 12th October

Thank you for all of your support at the start of the term. If you have any concerns or queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mr T. McNicholas & Miss S. Randall