

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!

English

We will be exploring a variety of writing styles this term including; character description, narrative, letter writing and instructions. We will be focusing on Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Wolves and How to be a Lion. The key aims for this term are to ensure children can use capital letters, full stops and space their writing successfully on a page.

Maths

- We will be introducing the concept of place value.
- Children will be focusing their attention on addition and subtraction at the start of the new term.
- We will then introduce the topic of shape and doubling/ halving.
- After half-term we will cover the topics of fractions, measurement, simple multiplication, money and time.

Science



Living Things

Children in Year 1 will be learning about our different body parts and what these body parts are used for. The children should be able to identify and label parts of the body. We will also be looking at our five senses. Children will be learning which body part each sense corresponds with, as well as how our senses help us in our lives.

Seasonal changes.

After half term we will move onto 'Seasonal Changes'. During this unit we will be looking at the four seasons and how we can identify the different seasons based on the weather and changes in plants such as trees. We will also observe how day length varies depending on the season.

Children will also have regular R.E. lessons.

Topic

Our topic for this term is 'This Is Me!' We will explore the countries within the United Kingdom and use atlases to support our learning. Additionally, we will find out how British children lived in the past and compare it to our daily lives. Using a range of materials and techniques, we will create self-portraits.



P.E.

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Thursday for IH and on Monday and Wednesday for IB. This term we will develop skills such as hand-eye coordination, throwing and catching.

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 homework books, to be learnt at home for a test the following Friday.

Reading

- Each child should be reading frequently at home and children will have the opportunity to change their reading book on a **Wednesday** although they should establish a deep understanding of the text before changing books. Book levels will be based on Phonics groups.
- 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*.
- Children will be able to change their library book once a week. This will be Friday for IB and Wednesday for IH.

Diary Dates

- Parents' Evening: Tuesday 17th October and Wednesday 18th 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, Miss. M. Bull & Mr. B. Hughes.