

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2024



Welcome back we hope you all had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to the autumn term ahead and having the children back to school. This is how the curriculum looks for this term:

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 all about how our senses help us in everyday life.

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.

Topic

Our topic for this term is 'This Is Me!' We will investigate the geography of where we live, exploring human and physical features of our local area. Additionally, we will find out how British children lived in the past and compare it to our daily lives. Using a range of materials, we will create self-portraits. In DT we will be designing and making shoebox houses.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on **Monday** and **Thursday** for IFM and on **Monday** and **Friday** for IG. This term we will develop skills such as hand-eye coordination, throwing and catching.

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 be using Spelling Shed to learn their weekly spellings and logins will be in Reading Diaries.
- 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 on **Monday** for both IG and IFM

Diary Dates

- Parents' Evening: Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th October
- MacMillan Coffee Morning Wednesday 20th November 9.15am-10.15am