



# Year 1 Newsletter



**Autumn Term 2 2023**

**Welcome back to Year 1.** We hope that you all had a safe and healthy break and are feeling relaxed and ready to learn. It is going to be a busy and exciting term on the lead up to Christmas! Here is some information that we hope you will find useful for this term, please make an appointment or email us should you have any other questions. The Year 1 team ☺



Please come and see us if you have any worries or concerns.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Moat, Mrs Maund, Miss Kubanska and Mrs Amos are here to help in any way we can.



## Reading

Reading books will be changed if they've been read at least twice with an adult. Please continue to listen to your child read daily and send their books in every day. We have a 15 minute daily quiet reading session when we listen to children read. The children that read daily make accelerated progress in this area.



## Maths

This term we will begin by focusing on addition and subtraction. The children will have the opportunity to use manipulatives to help them explain answers whilst building on mathematical language. We will be learning and using the number bonds to 10.



## Wider curriculum

In Science, we will be looking at Animals including Humans and naming body parts and functions – 'Where is my head?'. History will focus on Guy Fawkes and his Gun Powder plot – 'Is it right to burn Guy?'. In DT we will be designing and making Christmas cards that move – 'Can I make something special?' Music will focus on beat and performance – 'How can we change the pitch?' and in Computing we will look at technology around our lives – 'Are computers only used for games?'



## PSHE

In Jigsaw we will be looking at the pieces called 'Celebrating Differences'. During this we will discuss how we are all special and unique- 'Who is more special?'



## RE

In RE this term we will focus on Advent and the run up to Christmas, thinking about how we show we are thankful for many things and making link to the Christmas story. Our big question is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'



**Water Bottles** Please make sure your child brings a named, clear, water bottle to school **every day**. The children will have access to these during the day and have resources to refill if necessary.

**PE** Please send children dressed for PE. Timetabled P.E. sessions for Year 1 are:

**1A – Wednesday**

**1M – Thursday**

**PE block week – 06.11.23 (PE every afternoon this week)**



**Please ensure children do not wear earrings to school on these days unless they can remove them on their own.**



## Winter clothing

As the weather changes, please send your child with an appropriate named coat and jumpers etc. Please, also, clearly label hats, gloves and scarves should your child need them. The children are responsible for their own items and should be able to dress themselves.



**Independence** – This term we will be encouraging the child to further develop their independence by emptying their own bookbags – removing any letters, reading books etc. They will also be responsible for collecting items at the end of the day, including water bottles and reading books.

## Important dates this term

Children In Need – 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Parent device workshop – 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Flu Vaccinations – 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Non School Uniform – 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Christmas jumper and Dinner – 8<sup>th</sup> December  
END OF TERM – 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

PLEASE LOOK AT OUR WEBPAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION DURING THE YEAR ☺

If you need to talk to us at any time please call the office.  
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