

Year One Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Year One! We are looking forward to a fun-filled and successful year working together as a team.

Our topics for the Autumn term will be 'We are Superheroes' (Autumn 1) and 'What goes up must come down' (Autumn 2)

We will be learning about lots of exciting things including:

English: Writing to entertain, role play, poetry, changing the story, comic books.

Maths: White Rose Maths – Place value within 20, addition and subtraction to 20, shape.

Science: Our bodies and Materials.

History: Personal history and key events (Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day).

Geography: Our local area.

Art and Design: Painting and drawing including self-portraits in the style of Van Gogh.

Design and Technology: Mechanisms – creating moving pictures.

Spanish: El jardín británico (The British Garden) and El parquet (the park).

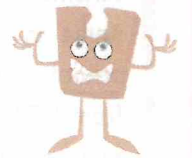
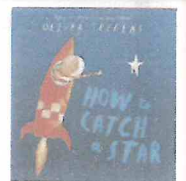
P.E: Dance and Gymnastics with our Sports Specialist.

R.E: What does it mean to belong and Myself.

Music: Charanga Units – 'Hey You!' and 'Rhythm in the way we walk and Banana Rap'.

PSHE: Jigsaw Units – 'Being me in my World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

Computing: Purple Mash Units – 'Online Safety', 'Grouping and Sorting' and 'Pictograms'.



Uniform

Well done, all of the children look really smart and items appear to be name labelled!

Just a quick reminder...

Sensible black shoes – not plimsolls or trainers.

Our school uniform is blue so no white t-shirts or shirts please. Earrings must be small, plain studs only.

Remember name labels! ☺

Staff do not have time every day to be looking for missing clothing. If children take off their jumpers they should put them in their trays.

Accessories

The children are **not allowed** to wear nail varnish in school. Nail varnish will be removed by staff if children are wearing it during school time.

Please ensure only plain headbands and small bows are worn. Larger hair accessories and animal ear headbands are not school uniform.

PPA Cover and Leadership time.

Miss Fairbrother will be having her leadership time and PPA on a Thursday which will be covered by Mrs Walker.

Mrs Mee will have her PPA on a Thursday when Mrs Meads is teaching. Mrs Meads will have her PPA last session on a Friday and this will be covered by Miss Hall. Mrs Mee will also be covered by Miss Hall on a Wednesday afternoon.

P.E

P.E will be on Thursday for Spain class (Mrs Mee and Mrs Meads) and a Monday for Ecuador class (Miss Fairbrother). Please make sure that children **do not wear any jewellery including stud earrings on P.E days**. Children must come to school in their P.E kit on their P.E day.

All kit must be named!

Thank you!

Attendance

As explained in Mrs Kelly's letter, the doors will open at 8:40am and will remain open until 9:10am to enable a smooth morning drop off with social distancing in place. At the end of the school day the doors will open at 3:00pm and will close at 3:20pm. Please phone to inform the office as soon as possible if your child is ill or if you have been delayed for collection. Please also inform the office if someone different will be collecting your child.

Good attendance will be rewarded on a weekly basis using our stamper charts and the attendance cup in assembly.

Punctuality

We will be continuing to use the Early Bird scheme within school. Children will get their name in a box every day that they arrive at school on time. A child will be chosen at random from KS1 every week to receive a small prize for their super attendance.

The Reading Track

This year we will be continuing The Reading Track in Key Stage 1. This is to encourage the children to read more frequently at home.

Every day that your child reads to you or you share a book together and record it in their reading diary, they will move along the track. This means that children can move a maximum of 7 spaces a week. Our expectation is that children read 4 times a week at least.

The children will receive rewards when then reach 25, 50 and 75 on the track. When they make it to 100 then you will be invited to a special reading track assembly! More details to follow.

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

Book change

Reading books will be changed once a week on a Monday. This is to allow children a greater period of time to submerge themselves in the books increasing their confidence and fluency.

Please ensure you sign your child's diary and comment every time you read with your child at home.

All reading is good reading, especially a bedtime story. 😊



Water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school every day with their name clearly written on.

We are working hard to look after the environment so we would appreciate it if you could ensure that the water bottle is reusable and not single use to help care for our oceans.

Water bottles will be kept on tables so please make sure they do up well so we can avoid any spillages.

Please don't keep water bottles in book bags as they often leak and damage books/diaries. There may be a charge for damaged reading books.

We have an open door policy – please just ask if you have any questions and we will be only too happy to try to help!

Mrs Mee

Miss Fairbrother

Mrs Meads

Miss Hall

Mrs Desnica