



Class 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back after the Summer holidays. I hope you have all had a lovely break. I am really looking forward to getting to know my new class and seeing all of their amazing work.

This term our topic is called Childhood. In this project, your child will learn words and phrases related to the passage of time. They will explore artefacts to help them to understand childhood in the past and how childhood has changed over time. They will explore the six stages of life and explore timelines and family trees. Everyday life in the 1950s will be explored, including shopping, transport, family life and childhood. They will also learn about the significance of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953 by studying photographs and online sources. The children will use maps to explore how places have changed over time and highlight any similarities or differences between childhood today and childhood in the 1950s. We will also be completing 6 mini projects this term. These are: Funny Faces and Fabulous Features, Mix It, Everyday Materials, Human Senses, Our Wonderful World and Shade and Shelter. We will also be going on a school visit this term to POPS Outdoor Adventure Centre where we will be building shelters, launching rockets and making pizza.

In Literacy this term, we will be learning how to form letters correctly, how to say sentences out aloud and how to write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths this term, in number we will be learning place value within 10 and addition and subtraction within 10. In geometry we will be learning about shape.

Here are also a few other things that might be helpful for you to know about Class 1...

P.E

Our P.E. days are on a Monday and Tuesday. On PE days children need to wear their PE kit for school. Children will also need earrings removed on these days and long hair tied back. If children do not come to school in the correct PE kit they will be given a school one to wear for the day.

Reading Books

We ask that children bring their book bags and reading records into school every day. We aim to give children opportunities to read in school whenever possible. Book bags are kept in the children's drawers and will be given out at home time to take home.

Phonics

At the end of Year 1, children are expected to take a statutory phonics screening check. This will take place in June and I will be sending out more information on how you can help your child in the coming weeks. In school, we follow the Read, Write Inc. Phonics programme.

Letter Formation/Handwriting

In Year 1, we do lots of letter formation practice, using the 'Read, Write Inc.' letter formation rhymes that your child has been taught in the Foundation Stage. A copy of these will be sent home, so that you can help your child practise their letter formation and handwriting at home. We will also send handwriting worksheets home sometimes for you to help your child do.

Homework

All children must read at home at least 3 times a week for approximately 10 minutes with an adult. Children will be sent home with three reading books - a 'Read, Write Inc.' reading book which they will have read in school in their phonics lessons, a 'Read, Write, Inc.' Book Bag book and a reading for pleasure book which they will have chosen themselves from our class library. When you have read with your child, we ask that you write this in their reading diary, with a short comment stating which book they have read and the page number they have read up to. **Reading records will be checked every Monday.**

RWI phonics video links will be sent home too as and when required for your child to follow and participate in.

Topic homework will be sent home for children to complete over the term and also knowledge organisers so that you can help your child remember important pieces of information about the topics.

Children will also be sent home with weekly spellings to learn and a maths worksheet.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a good way of communicating with each other. I often post messages on Dojo about homework or items that your child may need to fetch into class. I also post photos of some of the activities that we have been doing. You can also message me on Dojo but I may not always pick up these messages straight away and may not always be able to reply immediately.

Names on Items

Please could you put your child's name on all of their items including; clothes, water bottle and book bag.

Refreshments

Children need to bring a water bottle to school every day. This should be taken home at the end of the day, so that it can be washed and refilled. All children will be provided with a healthy snack at breaktime.

New to Year 1 Parent/Carer Meeting

I will be holding a short meeting on **Tuesday 19th September 3:00pm – 3:30pm** so you can find out a little bit more about Year 1 and so I can answer any questions you may have.

Lastly...

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead with Class 1 and I would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you



Mrs Towers