






# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn 2017

Welcome to Year 1

I hope you all had a lovely summer and I am pleased to welcome you to the autumn term in Year 1. I am the class teacher and Mrs Masterson and Mrs Williams share the Teaching Assistant role. Below is a brief outline of the areas of learning your child will be covering this term. I look forward to getting to know your children and starting a very exciting new year.

English	Maths	Science
<p>This half term the children will be focusing on signs and captions. The children will be writing lists, captions and continuing to write simple sentences. They will also be exploring poetry, performing the poem sent home and creating their own poems based on it.</p> <p>Phonics will continue every day in class.</p>	<p>Our daily maths session will begin with a mental maths focus. The children will order numbers, recognise different values of numbers and read and write different numbers up to 100.</p> <p>The children will also be focusing on one more and one less than any number up to 100. The children will be learning to place numbers correctly on a 100 square.</p>	<p>During this term the children will focus on 'Humans and Animals'. The children will be looking at how we grow, naming different parts of the body and investigating the different senses that we use. We will also be investigating different animals and where they live.</p> <p>We will be learning about the seasons throughout the year. If you go on any walks during autumn, please feel free to bring in any conkers or acorns that you find!</p>
History	Geography	Computing
<p>In History the children will be learning about old and new toys. Children may be asked to bring in some old toys from home to compare and contrast with newer toys!</p> <p>We will be asking the Museum to visit the school with old toys in the second half of the autumn term.</p>	<p>This term the children will be learning about their local area. They will be reading basic maps to investigate where they live. It is very important that the children learn their own address; for their own safety as well as understanding and reading a map.</p>	<p>In computing the children will be learning about what technology is and making comparisons between digital and non-digital technology. The children will learn how to log into and sign out of different programmes. They can practise this with Purple Mash and Reading Eggs.</p>

Art	Design and Technology	RE
<p>In art children will be learning basic skills of colour and tone, as well as simple mark making. They will be learning about primary and secondary colours and focusing on mark making and pattern.</p> 	<p>This term the children will learn how to sew. The children will practise sewing on different materials. They will learn different stitches and techniques. We aim to design, create and evaluate Christmas stockings.</p>	<p>In RE children will be looking at elements of harvest celebrations in both the Jewish and Christian faith. They will continue to learn about the importance of light in religion.</p> 
PE	PHSE	French
<p>Children will start the term with dance. Dance will be every Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>Throughout the term the children will learn different movements and stretches in gymnastics.</p>	<p>In PSHE children will focus on rules and new beginnings. The children will also be learning about the different values that we follow in school.</p> <p>The values this term are: Harmony, sharing, courage and happiness.</p>	<p>In French the children will learn the numbers to ten, name the colours and focusing on greeting each other in French.</p> <p>They will also be answering the register every day in French!</p>
Music	Trips	PE
<p>In music the children will be keeping a beat using different body parts. They will sing songs and learn how to sing in a group.</p> 	<p>The museum will be visiting the school during the second half of the autumn term as part of our Toys topic. We will also be walking to the Oval as part of our geography topic.</p>	<p>The children need their P.E kits in school at all times. The children may need tracksuits as the weather becomes colder.</p> <p>Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled.</p>
Phonics meeting	Homework	
<p>There will be a phonics meeting for all parents in Year 1. The meeting will take place in Year 1 classroom on: <u>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 3pm</u></p>	<p>Homework is set on a Wednesday to be handed in on Monday. Homework will include a maths task and a task linked to English or topic.</p> <p>Know your numbers challenge is set every Tuesday.</p>	

I am sure that the children will have a very positive and successful experience and I am really looking forward to working with you and your children during the course of the year. Please contact me or see me at the end of the school day if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Dent