## Autumn 1 Newsletter

# Year 1

#### ENGLISH

In Year 1 we have a huge focus on reading. We use Read Write Inc (RWI) to teach Phonics, and children will continue to learn to read set 1, 2 and 3 special friends and apply them when reading.

In our class reading lessons, we will listen to children read regularly and ask them questions about what they have read so that they can start to develop comprehension and sequencing skills.

When writing, we will be practicing forming letters correctly, positioning them correctly on a line and learning to spell Year 1 common exception words. We will also practice skills such as finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

#### RE

In R.E, we will be asking the question: **Who made the world?** The children will read and understand the creation story from Genesis 1,1–2:3 in the Bible. We will also answer: *Why is Harvest important to Christians?* and *How do we show thankfulness to God?* 

#### HISTORY

We are heading back in time to the 1950s&60s. Children will learn what life, homes, toys, shops, and schools were like back then and compare the similarities and differences between now and then. At the end of the topic, the children will recreate, and role play a day in a school during that time.

### PSHE

Children will look at why their class is a safe place to learn using examples to explore their thinking. They will also learn about feeling special, their rights and responsibilities, rewards, feeling proud and the consequences for their actions.



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Mrs Havdon

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Tomkinson Class Teacher

#### MUSIC

We will be looking at the hip-hop genre of music this half term. We will be using the song *Hey You! by Joanna Mangona* to find the pulse, pitch and rhythm and create our own composition of the song using instruments.

#### Design & Technology

Let's get our chef's hats and aprons on as we are heading to the kitchen this half term!

We will learn about different fruits and vegetables, how to use cooking equipment safely and finally make and evaluate a delicious fruit salad.



Miss Hawkes Teaching Assistant

## SCIENCE

**'Our Bodies**' will be the focus in science. We will identify where we can find certain body parts on our own bodies. We will also look closely at the five senses and conduct investigations to find out how they work and create charts to display our findings.

#### MATHS

We will be starting Year 1 by making sure we are secure in reading and writing numbers to 20 and identifying our number bonds to 5 then 10. We will be learning to use our maths tables and cups to help us.

This foundation of number knowledge will help us to calculate addition and subtraction maths stories to 20. We will be using concrete resources before moving on to the formal written method.

We will identify and name 2D and 3D shapes and have a shape hunt around school.

Finally, we will look at centimetres and use this knowledge to measure lines and different objects around the classroom and school.

#### COMPUTING

Grab your metal detectors as we become '**Treasure Hunters'** in Year 1! We will use simple instructions to program robots to find our "treasure". We will also look at how we can debug and correct mistakes in our program.

#### **INFORMATION**

Our PE day is **Monday**, and the children will continue to come into school in their PE kit for the whole day. <u>*Please*</u> <u>remember to remove all jewellery before entering school</u> on PE day.

Reading books will be changed regularly so please make sure that your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.

#### Welcome Meeting

Our Welcome to Year 1 meeting will be held at 3:30 on Monday  $9^{th}$  September in the Year 1 classroom.