Autumn 1 Newsletter Year 1

## **ENGLISH**

Children will continue with RWI lessons to develop into confident, fluent readers and writers. They will continue to learn the most common sounds in the English language and how to sound-blend words for reading at the same time as developing handwriting and spellings. They will read storybooks perfectly matched to their level and they will complete writing activities linked to the books they have read, where they will learn to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and say their ideas before writing. Children will enjoy a story time session every day. This half term our focus author is Julia Donaldson. We will be learning all about her and we will read a variety of different stories written by her to develop our comprehension skills and an enjoyment for reading.



### **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.

#### **HISTORY**

We are heading back in time to the 1950s and 60s where children will explore similarities and differences between their own lives and those of people their grandparents' age. Children will understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past to learn what life, homes, toys, shops, and schools were like back then and compare the similarities and differences between now and then.

# **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.

# **ART AND DESIGN**

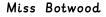
Children will start the unit with the story 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds, learning how the smallest mark, like Vashti's dot, can be a piece of art.

They will then be introduced to the famous artist Paul Klee before completing their own work inspired by him.

### **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 10 then to 20. We will be using a range of different objects 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 different mental methods like using number lines. We will have plenty of opportunities to explore measuring lengths, weight and capacity and volume.







Primary School



Miss Lunn

#### RE

In R.E, we will be answering the question: **Who made the world?** We will read and develop our understanding of 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?

# **SCIENCE**

'Our Bodies' will be the focus in science this half term. During the first part of our unit, we will name and identify where we can find certain body parts on our own bodies. In the second part of our unit, we will look closely at our five senses. We will name and explain them and take part in investigations to find out how they work and help us. We will learn to record our results in simple tables and to write a simple conclusion about what we find out.

# **INFORMATION**

<u>PE</u> for Year 1 is on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kit for the whole day. <u>Please remember to remove all</u> <u>jewellery before entering school on PE day</u>.

<u>Reading books</u> will be changed regularly so please make sure that your child brings their reading book and Reading Record to school every day.

#### Welcome To Year 1 Workshop

Our Welcome to Year 1 Workshop will be held on <u>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30</u> in the hall. We look forward to giving you an overview of our year ahead.