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Autumn Term 2025 – Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our values are Kindness, Courage and Responsibility.

Welcome back. The children have had an excellent start to Year 1, learning the rules and routines of Key Stage 1 and engaging in learning enthusiastically. Across the year, we have planned many exciting experiences with cross-curricular links and opportunities, which we look forward to sharing with the children. Below is an overview of the different subjects across the curriculum.

English

In Autumn 1 half term, we will read *Going on a Bear Hunt*. Our writing focus is on story and recounts. In Autumn 2, we will be exploring adventure, reports and poetry writing. Children will be reading *The Bear and The piano* by David Litchfield as well as non-fiction book *Toys from the Past* by Sally Jewitt and a poetry book called *Firework Night* by Andrew Collett. Children will be developing their skills in using **capital letters, finger spaces and full stops** correctly in their sentences whilst forming lowercase and uppercase correctly.

Phonics

We use **Read Write Inc** to teach daily phonics lessons. Children will learn how to blend sounds to read and spell, so **reading daily with your child is vital.**

Reading books are available on the **Oxford Owl** website. Please use the login provided to access the reading books.

Maths

The following topics will be studied:

- Number and place value (within 10)
- Addition and subtraction (within 10)
- Geometry - shapes

Please support your child by talking about the days of the week, dates and times of their daily routines.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Animals, Including Humans'. We will be learning about the five senses – taste, smell, touch, sight, and hearing. We will also be learning about seasonal changes taking place around us. After half term, we will be learning about 'Materials' and exploring different objects and the material from which they are made.

Computing

This term, we will work on improving our mouse skills. Internet safety will be a focus in all of our computing lessons. After half term, we will create simple algorithms.

Geography

Our Geography topic is 'Our Local Environment'. We will learn about our local area and identify the features within it.

History

Our history topic is Toys. We will identify toys from the past and present and explore how toys have changed over time.

PSHE

We will be exploring what it means to be a part of a family or community and thinking about people who are special to us. After half term, we will learn about health and well-being.

Music

Our topic is 'All About Me', and we will learn about pulse and rhythm. After half term, our topic is 'Superheroes', focusing on pitch and tempo. We will also have weekly Music Assemblies.

RE

This term, we will explore the importance and value of celebration in our own lives and learn about important Christian and Muslim celebrations.

Art

This term, we will use a range of materials creatively to design and make a collage.

DT

Our focus this term is on 'Mechanisms'. We will design, make and evaluate making a greeting card.

PE

We will be focusing on Games. We will be practising how to bounce and catch a ball. After half term, we will focus on dribbling and ball control and travelling with a ball.

Autumn Term - PE timetable

Class	P.E. Day 1	P.E. Day 2
1 Scotland	Monday	Friday
1 Wales	Monday	Friday



Please ensure your children wear the **correct P.E kit** to school on these days:

- navy blue joggers,
- a white t-shirt or polo shirt,
- black trainers or plimsolls,
- **no leggings.**

Trips

This term, we are planning a local walk and a visit to the mosque. You will receive more information on this closer to the time.

Homework

- Children should read for at least 15 minutes at home **every day**.
- They will be provided with a reading book. Please read the book and comment in the home/school reading booklet.
- Children are expected to bring their **reading books back daily**.
- Complete the phonics homework videos **weekly**. These RWI videos will help support your child to learn to read.

Reminders

- **Please read with your child each day.**
- **For your child's safety, no jewellery should be worn to school.**
- Ensure your child has their **name inside clothes** such as jumpers, cardigans and coats.
- Children can bring in a water bottle to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for assisting your children with their home learning, and for your help and support.