

# Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

## Hello and welcome to Year One!

We have spent a few days getting to know the children and allowing them to familiarise themselves with our school Mission Statement and Code of Conduct. Here is a brief outline of our curriculum for this term and how you can continue to support your child at home.

### REMINDERS:

- In year 1 children enter through their classroom external door in the mornings at 8:30 and the children finish at 3:10. Children will be collected from the KS1 playground.
- Year 1 P.E. is on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their yellow t shirt, a pair of navy or black shorts or joggers for the cooler months and a school jumper or cardigan. (No branded clothing.)

### HOMEWORK:

- Your child will receive a half termly homework mat for English and Maths. The activities are to be completed over the half term. These activities are a guide. Please adapt them to either support or challenge your child.
- The children will be given a hardcopy of their reading book on a Friday to be returned Monday morning. They will be sent a digital copy of this ebook every Friday. They will have the opportunity to take a book from our class library daily. **Collins Ebook usernames and passwords will be given separately.**

### CURRICULUM: Autumn

#### Come and See:

- Families (God is present in every beginning)
- Belonging (Baptism)
- Judaism (Stories– Abraham & Moses)
- Waiting (Advent)

#### PSHE/RSHE:

- Relationships: Ourselves and others
- Who is special to us?
- How I am cared for and kept safe in my family
- Inclusion and respect
- Can I recognise signs that I am loved in my family?

#### English:

- Nursery Rhymes
- Autumn Senses Poetry
- Instructions: How to wash your hands
- The Scarecrows Wedding
- The Jolly Postman

#### Mathematics:

- Place value with 10
- Additive structure (understanding mathematical symbols)
- Addition and subtraction within 10
- Measure – money
- Geometry (shape)

#### Science:

- Seasonal changes
- Animals, including humans.

#### History:

- Changes in living memory

#### Computing:

- Algorithms: Making simple instructions for others to follow

#### Art/D.T

- Spirals
- Freestanding structures

### Phonics

-In Year 1 we follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme. Please familiarise yourself with the 'For Parents' section of the website.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Activities such as painting, throwing and catching and threading are ideal to develop gross and fine motor skills to improve handwriting
- Talk to your child about our Come and See and PSHE topics and their meanings
- Reading a variety of books with your child and discussing what happens in the story will support their reading and English work
- Play some rhyming word games and look for rhyming words in books
- Play number games involving counting forwards and backwards and also spotting numbers and counting objects in our environment will make maths fun and will increase their confidence
- Share some old family photos with your child and discuss what is different and what has stayed the same.

Now your child is in Year 1, they are responsible for their own belongings, book wallet and its contents. Please remind your child to pass any letters or messages to their teachers in the morning.

Thank you for all your support.

We look forward to an exciting year, full of fun and learning!

The Year One Team