

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:

- Year 1 doors will open in the mornings at 8:30 and the children finish at 3:10.
- Year 1 P.E. is on a Monday and Thursdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit and school jumper on these days. This can include a pair of tracksuit/jogging suit bottoms for the cooler months.

HOMEWORK:

- Your child will receive a half termly homework mat for English and Maths. The activities are to be completed over the half term and brought back to school signed in the last week of that term. These activities are a guide. Please adapt them to either support or challenge your child.
- The children will take home a school reading book each week on a Friday and will also have free choice from our class library. **Reading books must be returned every Friday.**

CURRICULUM:

Throughout the term our topic will be **Autumn**. Much of our class work including Art, Music and DT will link to this topic.

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
- Can I recognise signs that I am loved in my family?

English:

- Nursery Rhymes
- Senses Poetry about autumn
- Instructions: How to make a scarecrow
- The Scarecrows Wedding

Mathematics:

- Comparing quantities and measures
- Parts and wholes of numbers
- Numbers 0 - 10
- Shapes

Science:

- Seasonal changes
- Animals, including humans.

History:

- Changes in living memory

Computing:

- Algorithms: Making simple instructions for others to follow

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- 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.
- As our topic is all about autumn this term, it would be lovely if you could visit a local farm to pick your own pumpkin.

Now your child is in Year 1, they are responsible for their own 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