

## Year 1 - Autumn Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term, we are excited to welcome your children into Year 1. We have some exciting topics to look forward to and two exciting activities: Zoolab booked for Autumn Term 1 and a trip booked to Abbey House Museum in Autumn Term 2.

	Summer1	Summer2
<b>Theme</b> (Science, History/Geography, Art/DT/Music)	We Are All Animals - Science based topic	A Toy's Story - History based topic
<b>English</b>	Fiction - Bog Baby Non-fiction - Labels, lists and captions Poetry - Animal Poems	Fiction - Where's My Teddy? Non-fiction - Recount Non-fiction - Letters to Santa
<b>Maths</b>	Place Value within 10 Addition within 10	Subtraction within 10 Geometry - Shape Place Value within 20
<b>Computing</b>	Illustrating	Programming and Control
<b>RE</b>	Myself	Special Objects and Special Days
<b>PSHE</b>	Beginnings	Getting On and Falling Out
<b>PE</b>	Ball skills	Dance
<b>On going theme</b>	Observe seasonal change - Spring/Summer How do seasons impact on what we do?	

### Notices

- Homework will be given on a Friday. It will consist of a set of real and 'alien' words containing the phonics sounds we have been learning that week. The children are to sound out and blend each word out loud to an adult and a signed slip must be returned by Monday the following week to show it has been completed.
- By the end of Year 1, every child must be able to sight read and spell all the 'Year 1 common exception words' which we have attached to this newsletter. Every week we will focus on three of these words and each Monday we will send them home for the children to practise spelling. On the Friday there will be a small spelling test.

- In Year 1 we will continue to use the reading records that you will be familiar with from Reception. Both reading books to your children and listening to them read are incredibly beneficial for their education. Please indicate in their reading records when they have read so that we can keep a record and so that we can update their reward bookmark.
- We would like to decorate our reading area with pictures of the children reading with a family member. Please could you provide a picture either by sending in a photo or emailing the office.
- PE will take place every Wednesday with Mr Clark. The children must have a full PE kit on these days.
- Please ensure every item of both your child's uniform and PE kit is labelled with their name, so that if anything is misplaced, it can be easily returned to the correct child.
- At the end of the school day the children will line up in the outdoor area to be dismissed to their parent/carer. They must wait until a member of staff has called their name before leaving. Please do not call for your child as we must know who they have left school with. If someone different is to collect your child from school, please contact the office beforehand so that the teacher can be made aware.
- Our craft area is always in need of small cardboard boxes for junk modelling. If you have any recycling, we would be very grateful to receive it. Nothing bigger than a cardboard teabag box though please.
- This half term we are also collecting glass jars to make 'bog babies'. Again, if you have any old jam jars, we would really appreciate it if you could send them in.

If you have any questions or queries about anything mentioned above, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Year 1 staff.

Many thanks,

Miss Gimblett  
Mrs Fowler  
Mrs Wood