

# Year 1

## Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled into Year 1 excellently so far. We are just starting to incorporate more lessons into our daily timetable and so far the children are coping really well. Year 1 is one of the trickiest transitions so I have been really impressed by how they have been getting on.

The table below shows some of the learning we will be doing in Year 1 as well as some websites to hopefully help you to support your child from home.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Topics covered and how to support your child.</b>
English	Focus: Using Capital Letters, Full Stops and Finger Spaces. Writing single clause sentences. Being able to spell some common exception words. Join two clauses with simple conjunctions.  Phonics: Our focus for the first term in Year 1 is on Phase 3 phonics so regular practice at home with Phase 3 would be helpful. Practicing writing and spelling tricky words and the Year 1 common exception words would also be very useful. Phonics Play has lots of games the children can play to practice their phonics. <a href="http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk">www.phonicsplay.co.uk</a>
Maths	Focus: Geometry- Position Numbers to 10 Numbers to 20 Geometry- 2D and 3D shapes Number formation <a href="https://play.trockstars.com">https://play.trockstars.com</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-maths-counting-with-john-farnworth/zbct8xs">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-maths-counting-with-john-farnworth/zbct8xs</a>
Science	Animals including humans The children will be learning about the human body and the animal body. They will also be learning about different habitats and

	<p>adaptations.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv</a></p>
History	<p>Focus: My Family History</p> <p>In this topic, the children will explore similarities and differences between their own lives and those in their family.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zc9s6g8">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zc9s6g8</a></p>
Geography	<p>Focus: Our Local area</p> <p>In this topic, the children will be learning about where they live. The children will develop locational knowledge based on the view from the school and local areas. It would be beneficial for the children to talk about what they can see on their journey to school.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqj3n9q/articles/zjd66v4">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqj3n9q/articles/zjd66v4</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqj3n9q/articles/z6wrcqt">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqj3n9q/articles/z6wrcqt</a></p>
Computing	<p>Focus:</p> <p>Staying safe online</p> <p>Exploring Purple Mash</p> <p>Grouping and sorting</p> <p><a href="https://www.purplemash.com/sch/homerswood">https://www.purplemash.com/sch/homerswood</a></p>
Art	<p>Focus: Art and Design Skills</p> <p>In this topic, the children will be experimenting with shapes, lines and colours. We will be learning about the work of our class artist Louis Wain.</p> <p><a href="https://www.wikiart.org/en/louis-wain">https://www.wikiart.org/en/louis-wain</a></p>
Design and Technology	<p>Focus: Constructing Windmills</p> <p>The children will be looking at different windmill designs to look towards creating their very own at the end of the unit.</p>
PE	<p>As in all PE units, pupils develop physical, social, emotional and thinking whole child objectives.</p> <p>Dance- Children will build on their knowledge of travelling actions, movement skills and balance. They will recap the importance of counting to music and create and perform short dance pieces.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga">https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga</a></p> <p>Team building- Children will develop their ability to work collaboratively with their peers and follow instructions.</p> <p>Fundamental Skills- Pupils will explore the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. They will explore these skills in isolation as well as in combination.</p> <p>Gymnastics-Children learn to use space safely and effectively. They explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using low apparatus. Basic skills of jumping, rolling, balancing and travelling are used individually and in combination to create movement phrases.</p>
Music	<p>Focus:</p>

	Let's sing! Rhythm Story Orchestra series.
RE	Focus: Christianity In this topic, the children will be learning about Christianity and developing their enquiry skills. <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdykjsx">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdykjsx</a>
RSHE	Focus: Being me in my world Celebrating difference <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/one-big-family-cthp2c">https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/one-big-family-cthp2c</a>

### PE Kits

We will be having PE on Mondays and Thursdays so your child needs to come into school in their PE kit on these days.

### Reading Folder

Reading folders should come into school every day. Your child's book will be changed when the book has been read in school and they have read at home 3 times. Please ensure that you read with your child every day and leave a mark in their reading record.

### Home Learning

Home learning will go on Google Classroom every Monday.

### Events

We are hoping to organise a trip this term. Keep an eye on the diary page of the website and your emails for any updates on this.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me via the year 1 email address

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Kind Regards,

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