



WELCOME TO YEAR 1

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What we are learning this term:

- **English:** We are going to be following the 'Talk for Writing' structure within our English lessons.
- The children will learn a story or non-fiction text and will innovate it in order to create their own.
- Children will continue to have daily phonics lessons.
- We will be focusing on sentence structure and punctuation as well as handwriting and presentation.

Stories for Autumn Term 1:

- This is the Bear!
- Handa's Surprise.
- The Magic Porridge Pot

What we are learning this term:

Maths: We will be focusing on number work, counting, ordering, reading and writing numbers. We will also have a strong focus on addition and subtraction. Later on in the year, we will extend this to multiplication and division.

We will also have some focus on 2D and 3D shapes as well as different measurements.

Please continue working on number recognition at home with your child.

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Science:

- **Senses-** Describing and using different senses.
- **Animals including humans** - Looking at a variety of animals including their features and categories.

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- Who are Christians and what do they believe?
- How do we care for others and why does it matter?

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History

We will be looking at British homes and schools this half term; finding out about how they have changed from the past. We will also be comparing their similarities and differences.

Geography

We will be looking at our school to develop our knowledge on location.

What we are learning this term:

Computing

Exploring computers - typing and basic computer skills

Digital painting - mouse skills and designing

Music

Music express

'Hey You' Singing in tune

'Banana rap' exploring pitch with glockenspiels

Christmas Production

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Structures – We will be designing and making windmills.

Art

Exploring Colour – We will be using paint to mix and explore different colours.

PE

Both classes will have PE on:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

- Please make sure that children have all the relevant P.E equipment, i.e. shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls (that still fit) for indoor activities and a tracksuit and trainers for games sessions.
- Following our school Health and Safety and PE policy, no jewellery is to be worn at any time during PE sessions and long hair should be tied back. Please remove your child's earrings on the morning of the lesson.

Homework

- We will be setting weekly English and Maths homework.
- For English there will a page of English activities in the book that we will send home.
- For Maths there will be activities on Purple Mash.

This will be set on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday when the English books need to be handed back into class.

Reading

- All children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes every night.
- Please record your child's reading in their Reading Records. The books will be changed regularly, as long as we can see they have been read at home. (Read with _____.)
- As a school we have introduced a reading race-track. If children have read at least 3 times a week and it has been recorded in their reading record they will move around the racetrack and receive prizes as they go.
- We ask that your child brings their reading book and record in to school every day so we can see how your child is progressing.
- Please feel free to read any books you have at home and also record these reads in their reading diaries - and remember to ask lots of questions!

Trips

During the Autumn term there will be a trip to **Wat Tyler Park, Wednesday 16th October**, to explore the historic cottages and go on a sensory walk. This will consolidate the learning for History and Science.

There will be an **Enrichment day on 29th November** which will focus on map making.

Trips are payable on Arbor and your payment is permission for your child to participate.

Any Questions?