



# Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



## Autumn Term 2023



### Welcome to Year 1.

We hope you all had lots of fun during the summer holidays and are ready to enjoy lots of new challenges in the year ahead. We will be encouraging the children to explore their world through a wide range of activities and be willing to take risks with their learning. Persevering and learning from mistakes are all important life lessons. We are also learning to work together, cooperate with others and solve problems by talking to others. We will also be focussing on how our feedback can help the children to improve their learning and we will be encouraging the children to talk about how they could improve their own work.

### Uniform and P.E:

P.E. will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please make sure all school uniform, including P.E. kit is named. Long hair must be tied back at school and please ensure that the children don't wear jewellery (stud earrings and a watch are allowed). The children should not wear tattoos or nail varnish to school. The children can also leave a waterproof coat, hat & wellies in school so we can make the most of the great outdoors. We will get outside at some point every day, whatever the weather!



### Snacks:

Your child needs one small, named snack for playtime. Yoghurt can be messy at playtime so is best avoided and please remember we have a 'no nuts' policy.

### Year 1 team:

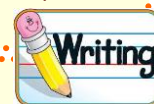
Miss Matthews Mrs Lee



Mrs Brown Mrs Allison

### Birthdays:

Becoming 6 is an important event for your child and we will celebrate it in school. If you wish to send in some small, packaged cakes please feel free!



### English:

Phonics: We will revisit and learn some new letter combinations and apply these in reading and writing activities.

Reading: We will send reading books home on the days your children have read. Please ensure they read daily and their reading diary is signed. Re-reading a book helps to develop fluency, pace and confidence.

Sight words: Please continue to practise these daily. Short, regular bursts tend to work best. We will move to learning to spell some of these words later in the year.



### Maths:

We will be: reinforcing number formation, counting, ordering within 10 and using small squared books exploring and talking about shapes learning to add and take within 10 developing our fluency and understanding of numbers to 20

A large part of our maths will focus on 'talking' about what we are learning and developing a mathematical vocabulary. 'Log on' details for Numbots, Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs to reinforce these skills will be sent home soon.



### Other subjects:

Science: We will be learning about our body parts and our senses.

Geography: We will be finding out and exploring our local area, investigating aerial views and drawing simple maps.

History: After half term we will be discovering how life and toys have changed in living memory.

R.E: We will be learning to take notice of the beautiful world in which we live, finding out about how Christians and Jews celebrate harvest and learn about the significance of light in festivals.



### Dates for your Diary:

Please make sure that we have up to date contact details (mobiles, work phone numbers and email addresses) as it is important that we can get hold of you quickly should we need to.

26<sup>th</sup> September: Afternoon walk around St Peter's

17<sup>th</sup> October: Autumn fun in 'The Wild'.

If you can help with either of these, please let us know.

### Ways to help:

- \* Talk to your children about things you are doing and what they have done at school.
- \* Ask your child questions and let them ask questions – encourage them to be inquisitive and creative.
- \* Read together and enjoy visiting the library.
- \* Play board games together.
- \* Count and talk about numbers (more and less).
- \* Encourage your child to know when their birthday is.
- \* Talk about the time – especially o'clock and half past.

