



Autumn Term Newsletter 2022

Year 1

“I have called you by name” Isaiah 43:1

Welcome: Welcome back to the start of the school term. Our Year 1 team this year consists of Mrs Rabbani who will be working Monday-Thursday and Mrs Rogerson, Thursday and Friday. We are very lucky to have two teachers in Year 1, we work very closely together and plan our curriculum and activities together. Miss Harvey will be working with us every morning and we are all looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

For your information, PE will be on a Thursday so children will need to arrive in school dressed in their PE kits. Book change will be on a Monday or Tuesday but we ask for reading books and records to be brought to school everyday so that we can listen to your child read. We encourage children to read daily at home and it is a school requirement that children have at least 3 adult signatures each week in their reading records to indicate that they have read at home. Children will also be tested on their spellings every Friday.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning during the Autumn term.

Religious Education: We will be covering the following topics:

Topic – Domestic Church – Families: Understanding what family means to you and knowing God is the loving parent of the human family.

Topic – Baptism/Confirmation – Belonging: We explore how everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism

Topic – Advent/Christmas – Waiting: Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our life and how we celebrate the gift of Jesus a sign of God’s love.

Other faith topic: Judaism and learning about the story of Abraham and Moses the leader.

RSE: The theme is ‘To Accept People are Different’ and we will be teaching it through the book That’s Not How You Do it by Ariane Hofman-Maniyar.

Mathematics: Below are the main areas that we will be covering and all skills learned are applied in real-life contexts.

Place Value within 10, as we explore fact families, number bonds, counting one more and one less and also comparing numbers. We will then be ordering numbers up to 10 on a number line and exploring how they can be represented in different ways using different resources. We will also look at addition and subtraction within 10 and within missing number problems. Finally, we will be naming and sorting common 2D and 3D shapes.

Phonics: We are now using Supersonic Phonic Friends as our curriculum. You will be sent a weekly newsletter informing you which sounds we have covered.

Reading: We will be reading ‘Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems Billy’s Bucket’ by Kes Gray & Garry Parsons ‘Not a Stick by’ Antoinette Portis during the first part of the term. Then in the second half of the term we will look at ‘Harvey Slumfenburger’ by John Burningham Poems with Pattern and Rhyme. We will be learning to become familiar with these stories, retelling them and considering their characteristics, predicting and explaining what has been read and participating in discussion about this.

Writing: We will be focussing on ensuring that the correct punctuation has been used in a sentence, saying it out loud before writing is down and reading all sentences back to check that they make sense. The children will also build upon their knowledge of adjectives in simple sentence.

Grammar: We be beginning to punctuate sentences, using a full stop and capital letter and also exploring adjectives.

How you can help at home: Read with your child on a daily basis and ask questions about the book as you read it. Encouraging your children to write where possible, ensuring that they use the correct punctuation and read back their sentences to check for sense. Practise counting forwards and backwards up to 10, starting at different numbers.

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Science: The theme is 'About Me' Focus on our senses and the basic parts of the human body and then Uses of Everyday Materials/Exploring Everyday Materials categorising materials and beginning to understand how magnets work.

Computing: The theme is 'Online Safety' and 'Grouping and Sorting. We will be exploring Purple Mash and becoming more confident at signing in and logging out of the Chrome Books.

History: The theme is 'Remembrance Day' looking at who are we remembering and how Atherton remembers.

Geography: We be exploring our local area of Atherton

Art: We will be discovering charcoal as we mark make and look at early cave art. In the second half term we will be drawing, painting and whilst exploring wax resist autumn leaves focusing on the artist Rosie James.

Music: The theme is 'Pulse' and we will be creating simple patterns and understanding how sound is represented by symbols.

French: We will be introducing the days of the week and colours in French.

PE/Sport: We will be focusing on the Fundamentals of PE skills and games and then ball skills.

PSHE: We will be braving the weather, exploring road safety and how to manage our anger. In the second half of the term we will be looking at emergency books, being happy and first aid/ CPR.

How you can help at home (in relation to the above subjects): Geography: go on a walk around your local area looking at the human and physical in Atherton. Practise counting in French from 1-10 and also saying colour names in French. ICT: discuss how they can stay safe using technology in their own homes and visit the free website such as thinkuknow.com.