



Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

Year One

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

Welcome: Welcome back to the start of the school term and welcome to Year 1! Our Year 1 team 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, Mrs Rawson and Mrs Bakkes will also be working with us and we are all looking forward to working with you and your child 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 into school every day. 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.

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

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

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 Who are Different’ and we will be teaching it through the book *That’s Not How You Do it* by Ariane Hofman-Maniyar.

Mathematics: Place Value within 10, as we explore fact families, number bonds, counting one more and one less and 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 in missing number problems. Finally, we will be naming and sorting common 2D and 3D shapes.

Within Year 1, we use equipment and physical resources to support our learning and all skills learned are applied in real-life contexts.

Phonics: We use Supersonic Phonic Friends as our curriculum and your child will continue to develop their phonological knowledge as well as learn new rhymes. You will be sent a weekly newsletter informing you which sounds we have covered plus some challenges for your child to do at home.

Reading: We will read a range of texts that support drawing club. We will focus on applying our phonics and continue to read tricky words which will develop fluency and pace. They will answer simple retrieval questions.

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 a simple sentence. We are continuing with drawing club which was stated at the end of Reception. This allows us to bring a story to life and allowing our children to be capable and creative learners.

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

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How you can help at home: Read with your child daily and ask questions about the book as you read it- *What do you think the book is about? Why do you think.....? Can you find a word in the text that means the same as? What was your favourite/ worst part?*

Practise counting forwards and backwards up to 10, starting at different numbers and practise number bonds within 10 eg: $3 + ? = 5$, $? + 4 = 5$.

Science: The first theme is 'About Me' and we focus on our 5 senses. We then identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. The next topic is 'Exploring Everyday Materials' in which we will be identifying, naming and categorising materials including glass, rock, plastic, metal, wood and water. We will be developing our language skills as we describe the properties of a range of materials.

Computing: The theme is 'Technology Around Us'. We will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing our keyboard and mouse skills. Then our theme is 'Grouping and Sorting' as we sort items using a range of criteria.

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

Geography: The theme is 'Our local Area' focusing on our school grounds, using maps and creating our own aerial maps.

Art: First, we will be discovering charcoal as we mark make and look at early cave art. Then we will be drawing and painting 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.

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.

PE / Sports: the theme is the 'Fundamentals of PE,' developing our balance, co-ordination and accuracy and then the theme is 'ball skills.'

How you can help at home (in relation to the above subjects): Collect some leaves, discuss their colours and texture and make a person whilst naming the different body parts. ICT: discuss how they can stay safe using technology in their own homes and visit the free website such as www.thinkuknow.com