Key Stage 1 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Children,
A warm welcome back to another exciting term in Year 1 and 2! It's been wonderful to see how well everyone has settled into their new classes, and we're thrilled with the enthusiasm and hard work the children have shown so far. We are truly proud of their efforts! As we look ahead, the next half term promises to be bustling with activities. We have assessment weeks on the horizon for Year 2, leading us towards the festive season, including our much-anticipated visit from Santa and the Christmas Fair in December. Let's continue to support and inspire one another as we embark on this busy yet joyful journey together!

Upcoming Learning



This section will provide information about some of our learning for next half term:
In Year 1 our topic next half term is called "Memory Boxes". During the half term we will be looking at the history of toys and finding out about the materials different toys are made from.

In Year 2 our topic next half term is called "Fire, Fire". During the half term we will be looking at the events of The Great Fire of London and finding out what London was like in 1666, how and where the fire started and what the implications of this event were.

English and Phonics

Year 1 have been working hard to consolidate their Phase 3 and 4 phonics. They have been using their phonics to write sentences about stories they have listened to. The have also been focusing on leaving finger spaces between words and starting their sentences with a capital letter.

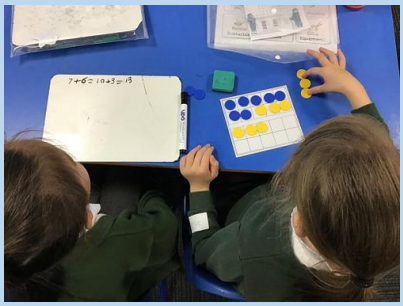
Year 2 have continued to consolidate their phonic learning. Next term we will start the Little Wandle Spelling Programme. The children have been concentrating on identifying nouns, verbs and the subject of a sentence. We have also started using conjunctions to join sentences, such as 'because' and 'and'.

PHONIC PARENTS MEETING FOR YEAR 1 – Wednesday November 11th 5.30pm-6.30pm

Maths

Year 1 have had a big focus on Place Value this term. We have looked recognising, ordering, writing and comparing our numbers to 10. We know the number 1 more and 1 less than a given number within 10 and can use the < > and = symbols to compare. We have just started to use a part-whole model to help us with our additions.

Year 2 have been focussing on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. In place value we have been working on recognising and building numbers to 100. We have been practising our bonds to 10 and using this to help when adding and subtracting numbers.





Science – Year 1 have been learning all about their bodies and the senses. Year 2 have been learning what animals (including humans) need to stay alive and healthy. We have talked about the importance of a healthy diet, exercise and keeping our bodies and teeth clean.

History – Year 1 have learnt all about Florence Nightingale. In Year 2 we have identified how we have changed since being a baby. We have looked at pictures from the past of our local area, noticing what has changed and what is the same.

Geography – In Year 2 we have used maps and compasses and have planned a route for our walk of the local area (weather permitting!).

Art and DT – Year 1 and 2 have both studied Picasso and his portraits. We have made portraits using different materials, such as oil pastels, collage, watercolour and paints.







How you can help your child at home

- Making sure they read each night. Reading is the most important skill in school—it helps unlock so much. Please encourage your children to read, even at those times when we know they might not want to! It really does make a big difference.
- Share the Fantastic 50 Book with your child.
- Year 2 will be having spellings sent home linked to their Little Wandle spelling programme.
- Handwriting – practise letter and number formation at home.

Reminders! *Because we ALL forget sometimes!*

1. The children should make sure that they're reding every week and reading regularly at home. Please encourage them to do this as it has a huge impact on their writing ability. The children earn monster points and raffle tickets for reading lots at home – we can see who has read!
2. Name all school items where possible as this will help avoid losing belongings.
3. Water bottles - it is incredibly important to stay hydrated no matter the weather; please ensure your children have a non-leaking water bottle.
4. As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that children are coming into school with appropriate clothing. Please can you make sure that children bring into school their hats, gloves and scarves.
5. Please make sure snacks are fruit or vegetable based (not pastries, crisps etc).

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 2nd November- First day back
Friday 13th November – Pudsey Run
Friday 20th November – Non-uniform (gifts for Christmas Fair)
Friday 27th November – Non-uniform (gifts for Christmas Fair)
Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas film night 3:30-5pm
Friday 4th December – Christmas Fair
Thursday 10th December – Carols by Candlelight
Friday 11th December - Brunch with Santa
Wednesday 16th December – Elfridges Gift Shop

