

11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! Miss Reddings, Mrs Burns, Miss Brown, Mrs Rees and Miss Oldcorn are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the children this half term.

In Autumn 1, we will be focusing on the PSHCE topic of 'Belonging.' with a strong understanding as to what makes us all unique. We will be exploring emotions, feelings and the different ways we can express and embrace how we feel.

Here is a list of our subjects for this half term:

English - There is a strong focus in this half term of continuing to practise letter formation, recognising sounds and writing simple sentences. Pupils will practise handwriting independently, whilst forming basic sentences. We will also continue to practise writing on the line, using finger spaces and using capital letters and full stops in all of our work. Pupils will be exploring a range of stories and texts relating to belonging, for example 'Elmer'. In English lessons, children will be covering different topics such as character descriptions, captions and labelling,

Reading - It is so important that your child reads every day and that this is recorded and signed in their Reading Journal. When children finish their books please write this in the comments so we know they need to choose another book. We would expect your child to read at home **every day**.

Spelling - In line with the new National Curriculum, the children in Year 1 will be covering the spelling lists for Phonics phases 2 - 5 in weekly Phonics lessons. Lists of words to learn will be sent home on the Friday and should be learnt throughout the week and the children will be tested on the following Friday. It is very important that the children practice these to help them with their writing and their reading.

Maths - This half term we will continue to unpick numbers to 10 via the Maths Mastery Programme of Study. Pupils will continue to look closely at number formation, recognising more and less, matching visual, pictorial and abstract representations and looking at basic addition and subtraction. Problem solving will be taught throughout all maths lessons; enabling the children to use and apply the skills learnt that week.

Science - We will be learning all about ourselves and our bodies.

Art - Pupils will be focusing on drawing and FMS skills.

PE - Developing multi-skills through Football and Games.

PSHCE - Belonging in our school, naming and understanding emotions, friendships.

Homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Please make sure your child wears the correct PE kit to school and make sure your child is not wearing any jewellery such as necklaces.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle with them in school as the weather is going to start getting hotter.



The children will be rewarded for good attendance. **Attendance is crucial for children to continue to make good progress this year. If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the school by 9.30 am to inform of the reason for absence. A note must also be written explaining your child's absence on their return to school.**

All children are expected to come to school in full uniform as this is reflective of their learning and their attitude towards school. If a child has an item of uniform missing then they will receive a warning. If that item continues to be missing then the child will miss their playtime. Consistent failure to attend school without the correct uniform will result in referral to a member of the SLT.

If you have any concerns, questions or problems please contact the school office via email.

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