

KS1 Newsletter

Autumn 1

REMINDERS

- **WANDLE BOOKS** - Please ensure these are returned on a Monday morning.
- Please bring a named pair of wellies and a spare pair of clothes to leave in school.
- Please leave Reading Diaries in book bags. These are checked by teachers weekly.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please keep an eye on Dojo for more info about any events.

- **3rd September** - Back to school!
- **11th September** - Year 2 TTRS Day
- **18th September** - Jeans for Genes
- **25th September** - MacMillan Coffee Morning
- **22nd October** - Harvest Festival
- **22nd October** - Last day of half term
- **23rd October** - Teacher training day

ENGLISH

Year 1 will be starting their journey into Phase 5 phonics, learning how to read words with alternative sounds. They will look at how we can become authors of our own stories.

Year 2 will begin reviewing all Phase 5 sounds for the first half, to ensure that these are fully embedded. They will also explore writing at depth, including how to begin editing and reviewing their work.

Both year groups will learn about nouns, verbs and sentence structure.

MATHS

Year 1 will be exploring place value up to 20 and begin exploring some early addition and subtraction problems.

Year 2 will also be exploring the place value of numbers, including representing numbers as 'tens' and 'ones'. Year 2 will also begin solving more complex addition and subtraction problems using the column method.

SCIENCE

Year 1 will explore the world of plants throughout this half term. They will explore the different features of a plant and learn about how each of these features has an important role to keeping plants alive.

Year 2 will also explore plants by investigating what plants need in order to grow.

Both year groups will also make observations of plant development by keeping a plant diary for growing plant seeds.

PSHE

Will be exploring the theme of 'Rights, Rules and Responsibilities'. Children will explore the adults in school who look after them and describe their responsibilities. They will have an understanding of why we have school and class rules and how these make it a safe and better place for everyone. KS1 will also explore what is meant by 'voting' and be able to name some people who make decisions at school.

ART

We will be developing our drawing skills throughout art lessons this half term, particularly exploring how lines can be used to create an effect. KS1 will then apply the drawing techniques they have learned to still life drawings.

We will learn about the artists Vincent Van Gogh and Georgia O'Keeffe.

HISTORY

KS1 will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will use timelines to place key events in chronological order, investigate what houses were like at the time and explore key historical artefacts linked to Samuel Pepys.

We will develop our understanding of how we can use evidence from the past to learn about significant historical events.

COMPUTING

KS1 will be focusing on 'Technology Around Us'. This includes looking at the technology that we may have at home and the equipment we have in school. Using laptops, children will be taught how to log in, how to use a trackpad and how to use the keyboard for typing. Alongside all Computing learning, we also explore how to stay safe online and use technology appropriately.

MUSIC

Our Music learning for Autumn 1 will focus on dancing, singing and playing. We will learn about how music is made up of long and short sounds called 'rhythm' and high and low sounds called 'pitch'. We will dance, sing and play instruments, whilst exploring how these sounds work together.

RE

Our RE focus this half term will encourage children to explore the term 'community' and what this means for us. They will explore

- What a community is
 - The different people in our community
 - Special places within our community
 - Celebrations within our community
 - What makes a good community
- We will also learn about Harvest festival.

Thank you for all your support and we hope all our families had a lovely Summer break!

THE KS1 TEAM



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