

## Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a lovely summer break.

### Curriculum

Our Geography topic for first half term is mapping our home and school location using simple fieldwork and observational skills. We will be using simple compass directions (N,S,E,W) and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map

Next half term we will be covering the History Topic of 'Bonfire Night' to help us learn about the past and to discover what Guy Fawkes did that made us burn a Guy on Bonfire Night

### English

In English the children will be using a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts to stimulate their writing. Some of the texts will include Handa's Surprise, Lila and the Secret of the Rain and information texts on Guy Fawkes.

Children will maintain reading through regular independent and guided sessions which can be fully supported with daily reading at home. We encourage children to read with an adult at home at least three times a week.

### Maths

In Maths we will continue to follow the 'Inspire Maths' programme, building on the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach, ensuring a deeper understanding of all mathematical concepts, focusing on numbers to 20.

### Science

Our science topic this term is 'Animals including humans' where the children will be learning the names of our body parts as well as exploring the different senses we have. We will also be identifying, naming and comparing different animals and grouping them accordingly (carnivores, herbivores and omnivores)

We will also be exploring the seasonal changes and observing the changes that happen as we enter Autumn.

The children will continue to have opportunities to work scientifically and apply skills of investigation.

### Other areas

In Music, the children are learning to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing a range of different songs. They will also have the opportunity to play different tuned and un-tuned instruments.

This term, within RE, we will be exploring Judaism and Christianity looking at how Jews celebrate the festival of Hannukah and Christians celebrate Christmas.

In Computing the children will be learning how to type information using the keyboard and use directional language to control a Beebot.

PE will be on a Monday for Celsius Class and Thursdays for Fahrenheit Class. The children must have a school PE kit in school, consisting of a plain white t-shirt and navy or black shorts or leggings.

Spellings will be sent home every Thursday to be returned on the following Tuesday, when they will be tested. The homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of each half term with a range of different activities for your child to complete if they so wish.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to a successful term. If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with us.

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