

YEAR 1 AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are excited to get back into the school routine.

I have really enjoyed getting to know your children over the last week and I am delighted with how they have already settled in. This year, the children will be supported in their learning by Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Shires and will be taught by Mrs Middleton on Monday mornings.

In English, we will be studying the work of the author Julia Donaldson. We will read a range of her books and retell some of her amazing stories and write some rhyming poems. Following this, the children will produce cross-curricular writing which will be linked to our geography topic on the weather and seasons. Through this work, we will be continuing to develop the children's letter formation, basic sentence structure using a capital letter and full stop and applying their phonic knowledge.

In maths, we will be looking at place value of numbers to 10 in detail. This will involve sorting and counting objects whilst understanding less, fewer, more and the same. The children will also compare and order numbers.

In science, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will learn about the five senses and know that animals are divided into two groups, vertebrates, and invertebrates. We will study vertebrates in more detail and sort them into five groups.

In geography, we will be studying the weather and the seasons. We will learn the months and seasons of the year, the differences between the seasons and compare the clothing worn in different weather. We will study the weather in the UK and how this weather affects different jobs.

Year 1 will be going on a class trip on Tuesday 26th September. You will receive a separate letter about this trip and how payment can be made on ParentPay. We will be visiting a local horticultural centre to learn about seasonal changes, linking to our learning in science and geography.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Mr M Waddington
Year 1 Class Teacher

Important Days

Monday

Reading books to be changed.

Monday & Thursday

PE lesson (come in PE kit).

Friday

Spelling Test.

Important Dates

Thursday 21st September
Individual Photographs

Sunday 24th September
Mass in Church 11am

Tuesday 26th September
Year 1 Class Trip

Thursday 28th September
Curriculum Parent Meeting via Zoom

Friday 29th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning

WB Monday 2nd October
Whole school 'Ready Steady Read'
sponsored read

Thursday 5th October
Rosary Day

Friday 6th October
Harvest Festival 2.30pm

Friday 13th October
Year 4 and Year 1 Mass in Church

Tuesday 24th October
Parents Evening 4pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 26th October
Parents Evening 4pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 26th October
School Closes

Friday 27th October 2023
Training Day