

YEAR 1 AUTUMN 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half term in Year One! We are incredibly excited to start our new topics. The children have settled in so well to Year One and we can't wait to see what fantastic work they produce. We have another busy half term ahead of us with the continuation of our hard work and the preparation for Christmas, Jesse Tree assemblies and Advent preparation.

In English this half term, we will be focusing on the book *Bog Baby* by Jeanne Willis and will be working towards using adjectives to write character descriptions. This half term we will continue to develop the children's independent writing and support them to hold a sentence in their mind before writing it down as well as supporting them with their spelling and the use of basic punctuation. We will also be using our 5 senses to further explore the weather and seasons and this is going to help us to write an acrostic poem all about Autumn. For our cross curricular writing this half term the children will be learning to write instructions about 'how to look after an animal' linking to our animal's topic in science.

The children are off to a great start with their reading and have loved reading lots of Julia Donaldson stories. The child will continue to have their weekly guided reading sessions where they will develop their comprehension skills such as answering questions about what they have read, making predictions and simple inference questions. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home with a big focus on fluency. This half term the children will get the chance to visit our school library and select a book of their choice to bring home and read. We want to continue to build the children's love for reading and give them opportunities to read books outside of our reading scheme.

This half term Year One will begin having spelling tests every Monday. The children will have a spelling book where we will stick the weekly spellings into each week. Please practice the spellings with your child at home to support them with this. The spellings will be a range of Year One common exception words, tricky words and words linked to our phonics. Our first spelling test will take place on the 8.11.21.

In maths, the children will continue their work on addition and subtraction. The children have been developing their fluency skills with number sentences such as $4+3=7$. This term we will be exposing the children to calculations that appear in different formats e.g., $10 = 8 + ?$ This will develop the child's ability to problem solve and identify missing numbers. The children will utilise concrete resources to represent the number sentence as a visual to support their ability to problem solve. During our maths session, we will be focusing on recalling number bonds to 10. We will continue to build on their knowledge of place value and later in the half term will be focusing on numbers to 20. Within year 1 the children will begin to develop an understanding that two-digit numbers are made up of 'tens' and 'ones'.

Please use the class page to find many useful links to support your child's learning. For example, Hit the Button is a great game to support your child with their mental maths. I have also linked many fun and exciting phonics games which the children can play to support them with their reading and spellings.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Miss Roberts



Important Days

Monday:

Reading books changed
Spelling test

Wednesday and Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

Friday 12th November
Whole school Mass led by Y5
@9:30

Monday 15th November
Odd Socks Day

Friday 19th November
Non uniform for Children in
Need suggested donation £1

Sunday 28th November
Family Mass 1st Sunday of
Advent @11am

Monday 29th November
Woolly Hat campaign starts

Thursday 2nd December
Y1 Advent Workshop

Monday 6th December
Y1 Class Saint – Feast Day
of St Nicholas

Tuesday 7th December
Y1 / Y2 Nativity

Wednesday 8th December
Pantomime in school

Friday 10th December
Christmas jumper day
Christmas dinner day

Tuesday 14th December
End of Woolly Hat campaign

Wednesday 15th December
Christmas party day

Thursday 16th December
Whole school Mass led by Y4

Friday 17th December
Finish for Christmas holiday

Merry Christmas Everyone!

