

YEAR 1 AUTUMN 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1. We are incredibly excited to start our new term. The children have worked hard last term, and we can't wait to see the fantastic work they will produce.

It is another busy half term ahead of us with the preparation for Christmas, Jesse Tree assemblies and Advent. We can't wait to perform in our Nativity with Year 2 on Tuesday 12th Decemeber.

In English, we will be focusing on the book Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis and will be using adjectives to write character descriptions. 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. 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 learning 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.

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 the reading scheme.

We will continue our spelling tests every Friday. Please practice the spellings with your child at home. The words are a range of Year 1 common exception words, tricky words and words linked to our phonics. Our first spelling test will take place on the 17.11.23. The spellings will be emailed to you.

In maths, the children will continue their learning of addition and subtraction. The children will utilise concrete resources to represent the number sentence as a visual to support their ability to problem solve. During our maths lessons, we will be adding and subtracting, learning about fact families, subtracting using number lines, and solving word problems. Before the end of term, we will also complete a geometry unit where the children will recognise and sort 2D and 3D shapes.

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

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

Monday 13th November
Odd Socks Day £1 Donation

Monday 27th November
History Enquiry Day

Thursday 30th November
Advent Wreath Day

Sunday 3rd December
Family Mass

Wednesday 6th December
Pantomime 9.30am

Friday 8th December
Bring a chocolate bar
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner!

Tuesday 12th December
Year 1 & 2 Nativity
Collection for St George's Crypt

Wednesday 13th December
Flu Vaccines

Friday 15th December
Christmas Fair 2.30pm

Monday 18th December
KS2 Carol Service 5pm

Tuesday 19th December
Reindeer Run (PE Kit)

Tuesday 19th December
Year 1 & 2 Advent Workshop 2pm

Thursday 21st December
Christmas Party Day

Friday 22nd December
Non-Uniform Day
Whole School Mass 9.30am
Carols in the hall 2.30pm
School Closes