



CLASS NEWSLETTER YEAR 1

Autumn Term 2016



Welcome to Year 1

This newsletter tells you about what we will be learning during the Autumn term and lets you know about forthcoming events.

Context for learning

This term our context for learning is Toys. We would welcome visits from parents/carers. If you have a toy from your childhood you would like to come in and talk to the children about, please see the separate letter sent home with your child at the end of last week.

Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Animals Including Humans'. We will be comparing and describing animals. We will be observing animals closely and then using our new knowledge to create our own animal.

Literacy

To begin with we will be learning to retell and write the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'.

This will be followed by fiction writing inspired by stories with familiar settings such as 'Ratty Tatty' which is about a lost toy. We will be learning how to use story maps to help us remember and then adapt stories.

Numeracy

We will be covering a variety of knowledge and skills based activities linked to real life situations. We will be developing the children's knowledge of place value and number, number bonds, measures and problem solving.



Other Topics;

This term many of our subjects are linked. For example, DT and History both explore toys; PSHE and Science look at how we have changed from birth to now. We will also link some of our Literacy to these topics throughout the term.

Trips

Next half term we will be visiting the Museum of Childhood on **Friday 4th November** and we will be sending out more information soon.

We will visit Baxter's Field to support our learning about playgrounds.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PE

Outdoor PE

Both Year 1 classes have outdoor PE on Tuesdays.

Indoor PE

Both Year 1 classes will have indoor PE on Mondays.

Your child will need navy shorts, a white, round neck t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Plain navy tracksuit bottoms are required for outdoor PE. Shorts must be plain and above the knee (no buckles or zips). No items of denim or vests are allowed.

We recommend PE kits are brought in to school and kept in school for the half term.

Home Learning.

Your child will be given two reading books to be read throughout the week. Please check overleaf for more details.

Year 1 Parent Meeting

Our parent meetings will be held on:

Thursday 22nd September at 3.20pm.

A crèche will be provided for siblings.

Home Learning

In Y1 the home learning is based around the learning journals. New learning journals have been handed out. Reading books will be changed by the children with the help of an adult once a week on **Fridays for both**

classes (We will let you know if there are any changes).

The children will also be encouraged to choose a picture book on Friday to bring home and read with you. Please ensure this is returned after the weekend.

Children should read with an adult every day. Each evening, please fill in your child's reading journal with the name of the book and the number of pages read (you are more than welcome to encourage your child to write the name of the book on their own). We also ask that you sign this entry and write a little comment about how your child read.

An adult will write a comment in the journals once a week. However, it is important that your child brings their journal into school **EVERY DAY** as it may be used as part of their learning.

Reminders

Jewellery

The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. Sleepers are also permitted, but no hoops as these may get caught and cause injury.

Birthdays

Thank you for adhering to our 'no cake' policy regarding birthdays. We are happy for you to continue sending treats to celebrate birthdays and we ask that these are kept to one sweet per child.

Uniform

Please ensure ALL uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage your child to look after their belongings.

Requests

Workshops

Both classes have set up workshop areas for the children to explore materials and make models. We would appreciate any cardboard boxes or other recyclable materials that you may have.

Drama/ Role Play

We actively encourage role play and drama in Y1. If you have any props (bags, glasses, hats, jewellery, old cameras and phones etc), clothes or costumes we would appreciate them.

Visits and events:

We will keep you posted about any extra events we organise.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS

22.9.16	Y1 RV & RW parent meeting 3.20pm
4.10.16	Individual class photos
5.10.16	No Pens Day
18.10.16	Open Morning
20.10.16	Parents' Evening
4.11.16	Trip to the Museum of Childhood
11.11.16	Y1 assembly
14.11.16	Inset Day