

Year 1 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter - September 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you and your family had a lovely summer and are refreshed and ready for the new school year ahead! We are all ready and raring to go with an action packed half-term planned with lots of exciting learning opportunities for your child. This newsletter includes information regarding curriculum information and important reminders and dates for your diary. Our topic this half-term is **Super Me!** and we are very excited to be learning about the special qualities superheroes require as well as how not all superheroes wear masks and capes! We will also be using our prediction skills to solve the mystery of what our book for this half term in English!

We look forward to an exciting term working with you and your child.

The Year One Team.

COMMUNICATIONS

We are always here to help in Year 1 with any questions you may have. We are really busy getting ready for the day before school but are always happy to help after school. Please can we ask that parents either write a note or make an appointment time to meet with a staff member after school from the school's office.

PE

PE for both classes is on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please could you ensure your child has their **full PE kit**, including appropriate footwear, eg trainers, in school on these days.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 29th September - School Photo Day.

Thursday 21st October - Superhero Day

(details to follow).

Friday 22nd October - Well-Being Day.

ALLERGIES

There are children in Year One and in the rest of the school who have severe allergies, especially with nuts.

It is absolutely vital that children do not bring any nuts or foods containing nuts into school in their packed lunch boxes.

We thank you for your cooperation.

AUTUMN CLOTHING & SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for all weathers. The weather can be very changeable at this time of year so it is essential that your child brings a waterproof coat to school. We have developed an outside area which the children will have access to every day. Please ensure all your child's uniform is labelled, including PE kits. Clothing does get mixed up sometimes!

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles must contain water only for the classroom. Children may have an additional drink of juice in their packed lunch box.

READING AT HOME

What can I do with my child to support reading at home?

Reading Books: Your child should will receive their reading book next week. Please enjoy sharing this at home with your child. We will change reading books once a week on your child's designated reading day. Although at times this may seem repetitive, reading your book multiple times helps develop a confident and fluent reading style, making your child a master reader!

Sound Books: All children will be receiving a sound book. These books are linked to the phonics phases we teach and are designed to be used for quick recall for sounds and tricky words and then moves on to blending and segmenting. Please work through this book as regularly as possible.

Reading Rewards: We will be launching our new reading reward scheme later this half term to motivate and reward children for reading at home. Details to follow.

What else can I do?

Please read a wide variety of stories, poetry and non-fiction books to your children as often as possible. Ask questions about what they are reading, eg. What do you think this book is about? Why do you think that character behaved that way? Why do you think that happened? What do you think might happen next?

What will we be learning this half term?

Please take a look below at what we will be learning in each subject area as part of our 'Super Me' topic.



English

This half term our focus text will be 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. Your child will re-tell a narrative using patterns from listening and reading. They will write simple sentences using patterned language, words and phrases taken from familiar stories. They will also learn the importance of kindness and that not all superheroes have super powers. Your child will read and recite a range of familiar poems.

Our non-narrative work this half term will be linked to our topic work. As part of our science work your child will label diagrams of the body, including writing captions for the functions of different body parts. As part of our geography work your child will write sentences to match pictures, or sequences of pictures about the local area.

PE

Our initial PE sessions have introduced your child to a range of traditional playground games to help re-establish friendships and routines. The remainder of our PE sessions for this half term will focus on dance through our topic 'Moving Words'. Your child will use different ways of moving to create a short individual motif to music. They will then perform this motif. Your child will then create a group motif to music which they will then perform.

Art

Your child will use shape, line and colour to create abstract forms, developing mark-making techniques and mixing primary and secondary paint colours. Children will use the techniques they have learnt to create a self-portrait.

Music

Your child will get to know one another through games and activities designed to introduce them to the musical concepts of pulse and rhythm.

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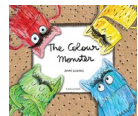


Computing

This half term we will be learning about 'Computing systems and networks: Improving mouse skills'. Your child will be introduced to using computers more purposefully, learn how to login and navigate around a computer, develop their mouse skills, learn how to drag, drop, click and control their cursor to create works of art inspired by Kandinsky as well as self-portraits.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'Who Am I?' Your child will learn about animals, including humans. They will learn the basic parts of the body and explore their five senses using a wide range of activities.



PSHE

Your child will be learning about 'Wonderful Me - Understanding My Feelings'. Using the story of "The Colour Monster" as stimuli, your child will learn to identify and describe different feelings that they experience.

Maths

In maths your child will learn about the number system and place value. They will learn to count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number. They will learn to count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals. Your child will also learn to count in multiples of 2, 5 and ten, looking for patterns within the numbers. They will learn to identify one more and one less than a given number. They will also be able to read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.

Your child will also begin to add and subtract one-digit and two digit numbers to 20, including zero. They will also learn to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

Geography

Your child will learn all about our local area through the topic 'Our Locality'. They will focus on aspects of local features, land use and environment. Children will learn about the features of their school and the town of Grantham. They will look at the land use of the local area and be able to identify building and use vocabulary to describe e.g road, local, house, office, shop, field. Children will talk about what they like and don't like.

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This half term your child will be learning about Christianity. They will learn what people believe about God. They will find out what Christians learn and understand about God through Old Testament Bible stories and what the stories in the New Testament tell Christians about Jesus. They will think about how faith and belief affect the way people live their lives and learn what the Bible says about how Christians should treat others and live their lives. They will learn about celebrations that are important to Christians, including Christmas.