



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 1! The children have settled back into school after the break and are eager to begin their new topic 'Marvellous Me'.

This term in **PE** your child will need their PE kit in school every WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY so that PE can be taught. PE will be taught by our new Sports Coach Miss Martin.

We are lucky to also have our dance teacher Miss Wendy this half term and these lessons will happen every Thursday.

Please make sure your child's PE kit remains in school for each half term. PE kits will then be returned to you for washing.

Please supply your child with a red t-shirt, black shorts, jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers. **It is so important that all your child's clothing and belongings are named.** Children have already begun to take off jumpers and many are not labelled. This makes it very difficult, and sometimes impossible, to reunite items with the correct owner!



This term in **Science** the children will be looking at different materials. They will learn to compare and describe different materials and their properties, learning new vocabulary and discussing which are best for particular uses.

Later in the term the children will be involved recognising seasonal changes through Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. They will learn about the typical weather associated with each season and why days get longer and shorter.



In **History** the children will be learning about homes in the past. We will discuss types of homes and explore how homes have changed over time using clues from different artefacts and photographs. We are also hoping to arrange a visit for the children to Milton Keynes Museum. Details will follow soon.

Later in the term in **Geography** we will be focusing on our local area and different buildings in Milton Keynes. The children will be looking at features in their area and label landmarks. They will learn to identify physical and human features and also draw a simple map plotting their own route to school.

In **RE** the children will begin to learn about the beliefs of the Jewish religion and then as the term progresses the Christmas story and its importance to Christian people.

In **Literacy**, the children will continue with their daily Read, Write Inc phonics sessions which are set at your child's ability. All children are taught how to use their reading, writing and spelling skills to construct their own sentences and respond to a range of stories including some traditional tales. They will read and respond to a range of stories about familiar settings. They will have the opportunity to use their own imagination to write their own short sentences about their families.

Each week, we will read to develop the children's comprehension skills and understanding of story language. We will also be teaching the children how to form letters correctly and how to use the correct punctuation.



In **Maths**, the children will be learning to count, estimate and form numbers correctly to match to different amounts. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of place value by ordering and exploring different number patterns. All children will continue to learn strategies to solve basic addition and subtraction problems. They will also have opportunities for practical maths activities on Measuring, Shape and Money. During each numeracy lesson the children will take part in the challenge of mental maths activities to help develop their own mathematical thinking.



This term in **Computing** the children will learn how to manipulate a mouse and select different icons using different art packages to create their own pictures. The children will also learn about e-safety and begin to use different apps to aid their memory skills.



Homework

Literacy, Numeracy or Topic homework is set each week to reinforce work done in school. Every child receives their homework on a **Friday**. Please ensure that they return it to school by the following **Wednesday**.

Please ensure that your child brings their diary and reading book to school **every day** so we can continue to monitor their reading progress. Ofsted state that children should read at home a minimum of **FIVE TIMES A WEEK**. Please help us by signing their diaries on the days that they read to you. By doing this, we can see that a book has been shared and we can then change your child's reading book.

We are all looking forward to a busy and productive term. We hope this information will be of use to you. Please contact us at any time if there is anything causing you or your child concern.

Important Dates

Christmas Performance

6th December 2.30PM and 7th December 10.30AM.

The Year 1 Team

Mrs Barnstaple, Mrs Taylor and Miss Johnston
Miss C Garner and Mrs K Scoggins