

Year 1

Autumn 2 Newsletter



Welcome to the first edition of the Year 1 newsletter. We will provide you with important information and key dates for your diary that we hope you find useful. This half term is very busy and we have lots of exciting events to look forward to!

Theme

This half term we are continuing with the theme of 'Why was London burning?' So far, the children have shown great enthusiasm in their learning about the Great Fire of London. We have looked at the sequence of events, how the fire started and looked at the significance of Samuel Pepys. On Tuesday 28th November we will be having a visit from Morley Fire Brigade. The children will have the chance to explore the Fire Engine and will take part in a question & answer session.

English

In English we follow the Talk for Writing model to immerse the children into different text types. The children have been using their acting skills to retell the stories. We use role play and hot seating to develop their speaking and listening skills. In their written work, our focus is to ensure that the children are secure in using capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and applying their phonic knowledge. They will have the opportunity to apply their skills throughout a range of genres. We are looking forward to seeing how the children flourish in their writing.

Phonics

Phonics is a crucial aspect of the Year 1 curriculum. We follow the Letters and Sounds scheme. Within each lesson the children follow the structure of: revisit, teach, practise and apply. This ensures that phonics skills are being embedded in their reading as well as their writing. We use a range of games such as: Trash or Treasure, snowball sounds and name the alien to ensure our lessons are fun and engaging.

Maths

Throughout school we follow the Mastery Maths model and plan lessons through Maths No Problem and White Rose Maths. These schemes ensure children are fluent in the basic skills needed as they move throughout school, as well as ensuring they are exposed to regular fluency, reasoning and problem solving. This term we have focused on the place value of numbers. We have found one more and one less than a number and compared numbers using the <, >, = symbols. Then, we moved on to exploring number bonds within ten using the part whole model. For the remainder of the term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction number sentences using a range of strategies.

Christmas Production

KS1 will be performing a nativity with a twist on the 12th & 14th December. In order to make this the best possible production we will be having rehearsals and singing as part of our weekly timetable.

Useful Websites

Here are a range of websites that you can use with your child.
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://community.mathletics.com/signin/#/student>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Dates to remember

Children in Need- Non-uniform & Pudsey Games: Friday 17th November.

INSET Day: Friday 24th November

Fire Brigade visit: Tuesday 28th November.

Christmas Fair: Friday 1st December

Christmas Performance: Tuesday 12th December (am) & Thursday 14th December (pm)

Many thanks

The Year 1 team

Reading is a vital part of your child's learning. Please ensure that your child is practising their reading at home at least 3 times a week.

