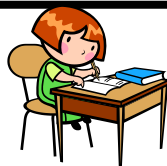




Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

We hope this newsletter gives you an overview of our learning and provides you with some ideas for how best to support your child at home.

English



During English lessons the children will focus on the stories 'Lost and Found' and 'Nibbles the Book Monster'.

We ask that you don't read ahead, as we read the story over a few weeks, learning and writing about it as we go. Our Writing Mastery Keys are:

- **Combine words to make sentences**
- **Leave spaces between words**
- **Begin to use capital letters and full stops**
- **Use capital letters for names of people and the personal pronoun 'I'**

We have started our new Read Write Inc Phonics books this term. Please continue to read the RWI books sent home (which are at an assessed level) but also any other books for pleasure. We think the key to good reading and writing is to enjoy reading (to a grown-up, sibling, or even the cat) and to enjoy being read to.

The children will be given a two RWI books each **Friday**. One of the stories the children will have practiced in school so should be read fluently and the other is a new reading book. Both books should to be returned the following **Friday**. Please ensure all books are returned promptly so we can give your child their next book, new books will not be sent out until others are returned.

Visit - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading/read-write-inc-phonics-guide-for-parents/> to find out what *Read Write Inc. Phonics* is and find eBooks, videos, and kits to help your child as they learn to read.

Here are our R.E. topics and some links to aid learning at home:

Harvest including Sukkot:

<http://projectbritain.com/Harvest.html>

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/5-7-years/where-food-comes-from/videos/>

<https://request.org.uk/festivals/other-festivals/harvest/>

<https://bje.org.au/knowledge-centre/holydays-fasts/sukkot/>

Creation:

<https://request.org.uk/bible/old-testament/in-the-beginning/>

Christmas:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/zdjf4j>

R.E

Our Autumn Values are **Respect & Courage.**

Maths

During Maths lessons we will be building upon the children's EYFS learning.

The children will be developing their mathematic skills through guided activities with adults in class. They will also be accessing Maths challenges through continuous provision (maths learning through play).

Our units for this term are:

- Place Value within 10
- Addition and Subtraction within 10
- Geometry - Shape
- Place Value within 20



Running throughout the lesson content described above is a huge element of **problem solving, paired discussion and team work**. The children also spend time journaling their ideas, developing their own ways of solving problems informally on paper by making jottings and diagrams. Using **practical equipment** to aid understanding is also an important part of Maths throughout the school. Please encourage your child to solve problems practically, as well as on paper. Counters, blocks and real-world items are a great way to explore learning.

For Maths challenges, please access <https://mathseeds.co.uk/> and <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Foundation subjects

In **Science**, our focus will be animals, including humans. We will be learning how to group them and about their different characteristics. Remember to keep an eye out for animals in your garden or local area! In **Geography**, the children will be learning about our local area, including map reading and map making skills. Try exploring places you know using Google Maps. For **History** we will be exploring the importance of remembrance. In **French**, try online videos or <https://www.linguascope.com/> to practise counting. If you would like to try Linguascope, please ask your class teacher for the login details. In **PE**, we will be working on our running skills. After October half term we will be working with Mrs Royale. In **Computing** we are becoming expert coders with our specialist teacher Mrs McCole. Here is a good place to practise: <https://studio.code.org/s/course1/lessons/4/levels/1> In **Art** we will be exploring the artists Kandinsky & Matisse and have our first Art Day with Mr Corcoran. In **DT** we will be making different structures. In **PSHE** we will be celebrating difference.