

YEAR 1 AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

ALL ABOUT ME

Welcome to Year 1! This term we will be settling into our new routines, getting to know ourselves and others, and developing lots of exciting new skills.

ENGLISH & READING

We will develop our reading, writing and phonics skills through stories, poems and carefully chosen texts. Our Drawing Club stories will include The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad-Tempered Ladybird, The Gruffalo, Little Red Riding Hood, Popeye and Rapunzel. We will also practise handwriting and write from pictures and story ideas. We will continue to follow the Little Wandle phonics programme for our phonics lessons and reading practise time.

Your child will bring home a blue reading pack every Friday. This will contain their Little Wandle reading book. Please read the book regularly at home and return the blue pack to school by the following Friday so that your child can receive a new book.

SCIENCE

Our Science learning is all about the human body and our senses. We will identify and name parts of the body and draw and label them. We will investigate our five senses - sight, sound, taste, touch and smell - and explore how our senses help us understand the world around us.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

We will learn about healthy foods and different fruits. We will sort fruits by colour, taste and texture and find out where our food comes from. We will then design, make and evaluate a healthy rainbow fruit kebab.

PE

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. In indoor PE, we will develop our gymnastics skills through traditional tales. In outdoor PE, we will work on multiskills, particularly throwing and catching. Please make sure children wear their PE kit to school on our PE days.

MATHS

We will build strong foundations in number. We will sort and count objects, represent numbers in different ways, recognise number words, count forwards and backwards, find one more and one less, compare and order numbers, and use number lines. We will then explore parts and wholes, addition sentences, fact families and number bonds within 10.

MUSIC

We will explore pitch through The Three Bears. We will listen carefully, use our voices and develop our understanding of high and low sounds through singing and musical activities.

GEOGRAPHY

We will explore the question 'Where do I go to school?' We will learn the four compass directions - North, South, East and West - and use them to describe locations. We will make simple maps and observe our local area. During our trip to Hedge End, we will look at shops, bus stops and the weather (date to follow).

PSHE

Our PSHE theme is 'Being My Best'. We will learn about healthy eating, personal hygiene, keeping ourselves safe and active, our emotions and the importance of praise and positive relationships.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the idea of special books. The children will talk about books that are special to them and consider what can make a book important, such as memories, people or favourite stories. We will then learn about the Guru Granth Sahib, the special book of Sikhs, and explore why it is treated with great respect. Through discussion and creative activities, the children will develop an understanding of why different books can be special to different people.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a fantastic term in Year 1!