# **Year 1 Newsletter**





### Autumn Term

#### **Phonics & Composition**

In the Autumn Term we will learn;

- The sounds for Phase 3
  graphemes and work on
  blending (e.g. j-a-m, sh-i-p).
- How to spell Year 1 common exception words.
- To develop our handwriting, writing simple sentences.
- To retell Traditional Tales; Goldilocks and Little Red Riding Hood.

#### Maths

In the Autumn Term we will be learning about numbers within 10. We will practise our counting skills, compare numbers and work on our understanding of number bonds within 10. E.g. 6 + 4 = 10 or 10 = 7 + 3. We will begin to work on addition and subtraction within 10 using a range of strategies.

#### Science

Autumn 1 – The Human Body. We will label parts of the face and the main parts of the body. Investigate touch, smell and taste and use a bar chart to answer questions about eye colour.

Autumn 2 – Animals including Humans. We will name and classify common animals local to school using a simple key and sort animals into groups of predator or prey.



#### Wider Curriculum

**History** – Our topic is the history of ourselves! Where we will share things we remember from our life and put them in order.

**Geography -** Our topic is the local area. We will be describing features of our local area and creating a simple map of the local area to show the main features.

**History and Geography (Cross Curricular)** – We will learn about Helen Sharman the UK's First Astronaut. Find the United Kingdom and the local area using digital mapping and find oceans and continents on a globe and in an atlas.

**PSHE** – We will explore the theme 'Me and my relationships'.

**RE** - Our key questions are; Does God want Christians to look after the world? And What gift might Christians in my town have given to Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?

**Music** - We will explore how to use our voices expressively and build an understanding of beat and pitch using instruments.

**Art** – We will explore the artist 'David Hockney' looking at his self-portraits before creating our own using sketching techniques.

**DT** – Our topic is healthy eating! We will be look at where our food comes from, know which foods are healthy and design and make a healthy snack.

## <u>PE</u>

Autumn 1 - Netball. We will focus on throwing, catching, bouncing and shooting.

Autumn 2 – Gymnastics We will learn, develop and apply shapes whilst travelling on the floor and apparatus.

#### How can you help at home?

Reading – please promote reading as much as possible by engaging with the book your child brings home and other books they may enjoy. This can be them reading to you, or you reading to them.

Number – practise forming numbers 1-10 and developing quick recall of number bonds within 10. 'Hit the Button' is a great free game that can support this.

#### Hit the Button - Quick fire maths

Dojo – please engage with dojo as much as possible. The children love seeing when parents have viewed and liked posts.

#### **Key Dates**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Come and Join us morning Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Wear Yellow for 'World Mental Health Day' Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Disco Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Show Racism the Red Card Day Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Parent's Evenings Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Y1/Y2 Christmas Performances