

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2

Building
Brighter
Futures
Together

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter! We have lots of exciting things planned over the next few weeks. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with an overview of what will be happening in Year 1 this half term.



Our Theme this term is:

Friends and Family!

Our whole school theme for this half term is:

Culturally responsive curriculum

English



In English, our key text is "All about friends", a non-fiction book explaining what it means to be a friend and the qualities we need to be a good friend. The children will learn the differences between a fiction and non-fiction book, how to navigate a non-fiction book, and will ask and answer questions about the text. They will write their own recipe for being a good friend, using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.



Maths



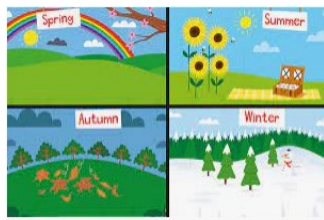
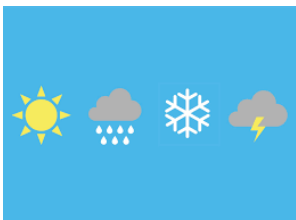
In maths the children will be learning about addition and subtraction. Recapping number bonds for 10 and learning number bonds for 20. Understanding that addition means the total will be bigger and for subtracting it will get smaller. They will learn how to solve problems using addition and subtraction within 20.



Science



In Science we will continue to observe the weather and understand how seasonal changes affect us. They will learn what the 4 seasons are, when they happen and the features of each season.



Geography



In theme the children will explore their local environment. As Geographers, they will learn to find where they live on a map and explain where they live. Keep an eye out for an important delivery explaining what they have learnt.

History



As Historians the children will learn about how things were different a long time ago for their parents and grandparents, identifying objects that belonged to the past. In PHSCE they will be exploring what it means to be different and recognising why diversity is important.

PHSCE



Me, Myself and Relationships

In PSHCE this half term we will be learning to identify the differences between people and to appreciate the positive aspects of being different. To understand the differences between unkindness, teasing and bullying.

Important Dates

- Week commencing 6.11.23 – Remembrance Parade
- Week commencing 13.11.23 – Children in Need
- Week commencing 20.11.23 – Walking Bus (walk to school)
- Week commencing 27.11.23 – Launch School of Sanctuary
- Week commencing 4.12.23 – Brighter Futures Week and Shoebox Appeal, Key Stage 1 nativity.
- Week commencing 11.12.23 – Key Stage festive parties in hall.

Parents Basic Skills

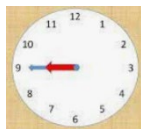
After careful consideration and discussion with the leadership team, we have agreed to move the parents' basic skills sessions to the end of the day instead of the mornings. The sessions will run **every Thursday at 2.50pm starting Thursday 9th November**. We hope that you understand that this decision has been taken for the benefit of the children.

PE and Outdoor learning

PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Children will need to **come to school in the correct kit** every Thursday. Outdoor learning will not be taking place this half term.



School day/ routines



Learning starts at **8:45 a.m.**
Learning ends at **3:15 p.m.**



There will be members of the Year 1 and 2 team on the yard before and after school. If you have questions please come and speak to one of the staff team.

Equipment

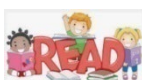


Children will need to bring their own water bottle to school every day.

Children must also arrive to school every day with their reading record and reading books.

Learning at Home

Reading: Children are expected to read for at least **20** minutes every day.



Please listen to your child read and encourage them to develop good reading habits. Ask your child questions about the texts they read and please fill in the reading records so we can give your child a new book.

Library – Every Tuesday, the children will spend half an hour in the library, where they will select a book they can take home and read for pleasure. Our library sessions will include a time for the children to read their books and also, we will provide them with an opportunity to listen to a range of texts.

Homework Menu

Children will be given a homework menu. They must choose an activity from either English, Maths, Creative or Other. Homework books will be given out on Friday and must be completed and handed in by **Wednesday**.

Times tables: By the end of year one children are expected to be able to count in 2, 5 and 10s. Regular practise of these is vital for your child to become secure with these facts. Please help your child to say and use their times tables.

Spellings

Children will be given a list of spellings every **Monday**. Please help your child to read and spell these correctly as they will be tested on these in class every **Friday**.

Break and Lunch Times

Break Time

10:15-10:30

Lunch Time

11:30 – 12:00 pm. (Lunch in class)

12:00 12:30pm. (Outside)

Talking at Home

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class. Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out. See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school. This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work. They may even tell you something you didn't know!

Get Epic

We have a fantastic resource available for the children to access a range of reading books, both fiction and non-fiction. If you google get epic/student log in. You will be asked to enter your class code.

The class code for 1JG is **jui4949**.

The class code for 1TB is