

Dates for your diary

19.09.23 9am – 9:20am Meet the teacher
20.10.23 – finish for half term
30.10.23 – return to school

Team Points

Each child is in a house team: Earth, Air Fire and Water and we now award team points.

Your child may be awarded a team point for:

- Showing Christian Values
- Helping others
- Being on task
- Teamwork
- Working hard
- SHINING

Please feel free to drop me an email if you have any questions 😊

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With best wishes

Mrs Cheetham and the Year One team

Year 1

Our Topic is:

Respect



Autumn Term 2023

Class News

Welcome to Year 1! It has been lovely seeing all of the children back in school this week. I am so proud of how well they have settled into the new routine of Year 1. Mrs Price and Miss Wilcox are part of our Year 1 team and we are looking forward to getting to know both you and the children this year.

Reading is a priority in Year 1 and all children will be sent home with 2 reading books this week. The books sent home are to consolidate the learning that took place in Reception. Please try and read every night with your children and record this in the reading record with any comments about how they have found the book. Encourage them to segment and blend if they are finding it tricky and to develop their comprehension skills ask them questions about the text. There are example questions in the front and back cover of the reading books. In a few weeks, homework will be sent each Wednesday, to be returned the following Monday. In Year 1 our homework has a spellings focus, to consolidate the children's learning in phonics. This will be explained in the Meet the Teacher meeting in on 19.09.23.

Respect

Our topic work this half term is about developing children's awareness and understanding of Britain as a multicultural community. We will be finding out about things we have in common and things that are different from each other. We will also be focusing on how to show respect towards our friends and family. This will lead onto respect for our community, our country and our world. We will name the continents and oceans of the world and complete a field study around school and the local area.

English

During this half term we will be looking at stories from other cultures and non fiction writing. The main focus is to understand what a sentence is and how to write them. We will also be working on our letter formation. A key objective for Year 1 is to say, and hold in memory whilst writing, simple sentences that make sense. We encourage the children to think of their sentence, say it out loud and then write it down. Finally, they need to read the sentence to check it.

Reading

As mentioned reading books will be sent home this week along with the children's reading records. **Reading books will then be changed every Thursday.** Please ensure reading books are in bags every day. The children will read individually to an adult throughout the week and they will also participate in a guided reading session each week.

Maths

Maths this half term will start with a focus on essential skills from Reception. We will then spend time on place value within 10. This includes: counting, comparing, more or less, addition, subtraction, number bonds and number facts. We will finish the half term looking at 2D shapes and their properties.

Science

Animals, including humans is our topic in Science this half term. The children will be able to name different parts of the human body and different parts of an animal. They will investigate their senses and which part of the body is used for each sense. Throughout the year they will also look at seasonal changes and how the weather differs in each season.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be learning about Harvest, we will think about why we celebrate Harvest and how it can help others. We will also spend time exploring our school Christian Values.

Foundation Subjects

In PE the children will be given the opportunity to develop their fundamental movement skills and a range of opportunities to extend their agility, balance and coordination. Art will include self portraits and a study of LS Lowry and in PSHE we will be thinking about being responsible. In Music, we will focus on playing instruments and the use of our voice. This year for computing the children will have access to a class set of laptops. We will first learn about the importance of online safety before moving onto how to access and navigate on a laptop.