



Year 1 Newsletter



Autumn 2018



Welcome to Year 1– we hope you had a relaxing summer and that the children are refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead. Our two topics will be 'All about Me!', learning about ourselves and things familiar to us and 'Castles', comparing real life and fantasy.

Geography – We will be finding out more about the town, country and continent in which we live. The children will find out where the United Kingdom is located on a world map and explore the features of the countries and capital cities of the UK, before finding out about their local area.

History – The children will explore how houses have changed over time and next half term we will be talking about castles.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Mortimer with us most mornings and afternoons. We also have a Scitt student called Miss Cole who will be with us in the autumn and summer term.

Music –The children will explore sounds, using their voices expressively and develop skills of singing while doing actions.

Literacy – This half term we will be reading a selection of books to fit in with our topic including 'It's my birthday', 'The High Street', 'My Granny Went to Market', 'We All Went on Safari', and a range of poetry. During the second half term we will be looking at a range of traditional stories and information texts on castles.

Mathematics – We are using the NoProblem maths scheme, which will incorporate many practical and visual for children to learn maths. We will continue to work on basics such as counting forward and backwards to 100 and challenging the children with real life problem solving.

Science – We will learn fascinating things about our bodies and senses. The children will be encouraged to observe changes over time and think about the question how do we change as we get older?



Art – In Art we are looking closely at our faces using mirrors, practising our sketching skills and colour mixing, ready for making a self-portrait.

Next term we will look at everyday materials. We will be exploring different textures, learning the vocabulary to describe these and their properties.

ICT –We will look at how we use ICT in schools and in the community. We will use art programmes to draw pictures of ourselves and begin to use the keyboard to write sentences about ourselves.

Reading: Your child will read in a small adult guided group regularly during the week. To support their reading development, please could you share a book with your child or listen to them read their book for 5-10 minutes every day. We do encourage you to record progress in their reading progress books.

Homework: Apart from reading, homework ideas will be provided at the start of each theme. Guidance on how long these should take is also given. It is expected that parents sign the homework form weekly returning these on a Friday.

RE – We will be looking at objects, people and places that are special and thinking about our favourite seasons.



PE: Your child will have PE on Thursday and Friday, so they will need their PE kits in school for this. This should consist of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts.

In PE we will be developing our skills using balls and other small equipment. We will also be doing Gymnastics.

Absence: If your child is absent from school please telephone school on the first day.

Clothing and Personal items: Please make sure that these are named clearly.

Drinks bottles: Please supply your child with a clear bottle of water for during the day, this will be put in the cloakroom for them to access during the day and at break times.

Golden Time: The children enjoy a 30 minute reward time every Friday. This half term they are allowed to bring in their own toys (please no electrical toys). If a class or school rule is broken minutes will be taken off their reward time.

Thank you for your support. If any parents would like to come in and help in the classroom they would be very welcome. If you are able to help in any way please ask as you will be most welcome. Please do come and chat to us if you have any queries, ideas or just want to say "hello". We hope you and your child will have a happy and enjoyable term of learning.

Mrs Geale