Autumn Newsletter



Year 1

ENGLISH

In the upcoming Autumn term, Year 1 students are in for a fantastic experience! They'll dive into the magical world of stories and focus on key writing skills. They'll learn how to use capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops to create clear and well-structured sentences.

Reading will be a highlight of each day with our 1-hour reading lessons. Using the Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics scheme, the children will enhance their reading and decoding skills, making it easier for them to read fluently and confidently.

With a mix of imagination, creativity, and literacy development, our Year 1 students are all set to have a wonderful Autumn term!

History

This term, Year 1 children will explore what life was like for their grandparents in the past. They'll discover what old toys and clothes were like and listen to fascinating stories. Using engaging activities, we'll help them understand recent history and appreciate how things have changed over time.

Geography

In Geography, we'll be exploring our local area. The children will learn about their neighbourhood and identify important local features. We'll also take a short trip around the nearby streets to discover different landscapes and key landmarks.

Mrs Smith

Teacher (1LS)

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Science

During the first term of Year 1 Science, our young explorers will learn some interesting facts on the topic of "Our Body," finding out about basic anatomy, the five senses, and healthy habits through hands-on activities and interactive games.

They will also study "Materials", identifying everyday objects and their components, such as wood and plastic, and learning key terms like soft, hard, and flexible.

Computing

During Computing lessons, the children will turn into treasure hunters! They'll tackle problem-solving by programming Bee Bots to overcome fun and exciting challenges. They'll pick up some awesome coding and control skills along the way.

Music

Year 1 music will get into the cool world of 'Hip-Hop!' as well as Jazz, Rap and Pop. Our young musicians will have a blast learning basic rhythms, movements, and making up their own rhymes.

RE

First, we will explore "Our Wonderful World," learning about the natural world and how different religions believe it was created. Then we'll investigate "Why Christians Give Gifts at Christmas," and how this tradition connects to the Christmas story.

PSHE

Year 1 will dive into the theme "Me in My World," discovering more about their family, community and surroundings. Through fun activities, they'll explore kindness, empathy, and teamwork. They'll also get to share their thoughts and feelings in a friendly and welcoming classroom.

PF

In PE this Autumn, the children will be developing their footwork, balancing, jumping and landing skills through a range of fun games and activities. They will be working to perfect their skills and apply their new learning to some simple competitive game-type scenarios. The children will also have a dedicated time each week to work on their physical fitness in a fun and engaging way.

MATHS

In the Autumn term of Year 1 Maths, our young learners will embark on an engaging exploration of numbers. We start by working with concrete objects before drawing pictures and then writing our own maths stories. We will first focus on understanding and mastering the numbers 1-20, learning to read and write them confidently. We will also cover answering simple addition and subtraction questions, building a solid foundation in basic arithmetic and real-life problem solving.

Additionally, the students will explore the world of 2D and 3D shapes, examining their distinct attributes and properties. From circles and squares to cubes and pyramids, they will gain a fundamental understanding of geometry. They will practise measuring length using rulers as well as learning about the various coins we use when buying things and start to tell the time to the hour.

Art

This Autumn, in Art, our young artists set off on a mark-making adventure! They'll have fun experimenting with different kinds of tools and materials, creating cool lines, patterns and textures. It's all about letting their creativity shine and improving their fine-motor skills while they explore and express themselves on paper in new and exciting ways.

DT

In Design and Technology, Year 1 students will enjoy exploring the taste of various fruits and vegetables. They'll have fun creating their own delicious wraps, discovering different ingredients and learning about the importance of healthy eating. It's going to be a mouthwatering adventure into the world of food!