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Year 1

Autumn term

This is Me!

Physical Education

P.E. lessons take place on Thursday (Miss Ellis’ class) and Friday afternoons (Miss Williams’ class).

Whilst autumn is a lovely term for our Year 1 children as they settle into their new routine, it is also a busy one! Please read on to learn what the children will be covering this term, and most importantly, all the ways you can help them. Thank you.

Trips and Experience Days

Parr Library – October

Trip to The Dream –December

When I Grow Up day – December

Firework Safety Day - November

ICT

We will be working on improving mouse control and becoming familiar with the keyboard. Children will use 2 Paint a Picture to create different pictures with text.

Project Work

This term we will be completing our ‘This is Me!’ project. We will be learning all about the countries in the UK and our capital city, London. We will then move on to finding out about our own town, St Helens, and what makes it special. This will include looking at its history and current amenities. We will also look closely at our local area, and talk about our own houses and homes. Towards the end of the project, children will be thinking about their own dreams and ambitions for the future.

We will also be completing a mini project during the first week of autumn 1, looking closely at Bonfire night and Remembrance Day.

English

During English sessions this term, we will be focusing on basic sentence structure, whilst encouraging and supporting children to use their own ideas in their writing along with their Fred fingers to spell. We will work on:

* Writing a set of instructions linked with our class bear mini project.
* How information is presented to help us write facts about our local area.
* Exploring our senses to write poetry.
* Letter writing as we think about our Christmas letters to Santa!

Reading skills will be taught during small guided reading and phonics sessions. We are also introducing daily spelling practise in class and the word lists the children use will be sent home for extra reinforcement.

Maths

This term, the children will reinforce and develop their understanding of number and place value. They will work on developing accurate ways of counting, and move onto number bonds within 10.

How you can help

Your child will receive a new guided reading book by the end of this week. Please make sure your child brings their book bag containing their current reading book and reading record to school every day. We are encouraging all KS1 children to try to read to an adult at home at least three times each week to build on fluency and understanding of the text. Those who have their reading records signed to show this will receive an extra 5 dojos. RWI reading books will also be sent home fortnightly once children are reading books. These must also be returned ready to swap for the next book. Children will only receive new books if previous ones are returned.

Encouraging your child to complete their short homework tasks and practise their weekly spelling lists with an adult at home will also support their confidence and fluency when writing.

Our maths work will focus on number therefore discussing numbers in everyday life will really benefit the children e.g. which amount/quantity is more/less? What number can you spot on doors? How many more to make \_\_\_? Etc.

General Information

KS1 snack money is £1.50 per week payable each week to Mrs Rimmer, who is based inbetween both classes in the corridor. To encourage children’s independence, where possible, please put this in an envelope with their name on and ask your child to pass it on to Mrs Rimmer.

Saying goodbye to your child at the school doors or in the cloakroom will also encourage their independence and help with vital health and safety as our corridor does become very congested each morning. However, if you do need to speak to a member of staff please feel free to do so at the beginning or end of the school day.

Thank you for working with us to ensure a smooth and safe handover at the end of the school day. It is extremely important that we see each parent/carer before allowing children to leave the line. Please inform the school office or class teacher if somebody new will be collecting your child.