

Newsletter

Autumn 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope that you had a lovely summer. The children are settling back into the school routines and we look forward to a successful year.

Numeracy



This term we will be starting by focusing on trying to ensure that the children can read and write numbers to 20 consistently and accurately. As ever, we will be keen to extend some children beyond this. We will then begin practising addition and subtraction using a number line and finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number. This half term we will also spend time looking at 2D and 3D shapes and ensuring that we can name these confidently and use them in model and pattern making.

Literacy



Year 1 will be all following the Ruth Miskin, Read Write Inc. programme. This involves the children working in small groups and using fantastic texts that develop their decoding strategies, comprehension and writing skills.

We will be running a parent workshop about Read Write Inc. on Thursday 23rd September, after school and hope that you will be able to attend to find out how you can support your child at home with this.

Reading



Curriculum

P.E.



Please can you ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school on their P.E days. All items must be clearly named, including trainers.

P.E. is a compulsory part of the curriculum and if your child does not have their kit with them then they are failing to meet curriculum criteria.

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*With regard to home reading, children are expected to read or share a book for 10 to 15 minutes every night. Each night the book read should be **recorded in their reading record book**, which will be brought home each night and returned to school the next day.*

The children will be given 2 reading books a week. One of these books will be their Read Write Inc. book that they will have been reading in class and this they should confidently enjoy reading to you at home. They will also be given an Oxford Reading Tree book for them to read to you as well. **Books can only be changed weekly if the previous book has been returned. We recommend that you keep your child's reading book in their book bag at all times.**

In addition, the children will also be able to choose a book from the book corner to take home and share with an adult.

Topics

| Subject | Autumn 1 st half term | Autumn 2 nd half term |
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| Science | Ourselves | Light and dark |
| History | | History of our local area |
| Geography | Our local area | |
| Art | Colour mixing, shape and pattern | |
| I.C.T | Paint programmes | Using a word bank |
| P.E | Multi-skills | Multi-skills |
| R.E | Special places and events | |
| Music | Sounds interesting & exploring sounds | The long and short of it – exploring duration |
| D.T | | Moving toys |

Additional information



This year, every year group will be holding a [‘Meet the Teacher’](#) session. Our session will be taking place between 2:45 and 3:15pm on [Wednesday 15th September](#) and we will be endeavouring to give you a range of information and advice about what happens in Year 1, our expectations and ways you can support your child at home. We really hope that everyone will be able to attend and look forward to meeting many of you then.

We know that the transition from Reception to Year 1 can be daunting for some children. However, we are really pleased with how well they have all settled down and can assure you that they are happy and safe once they are in the classroom with their friends!

However, please remember if you do have any concerns to come and see us (after school if possible).

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Duffield and Miss Obbard