



Year 1 Newsletter – September 2024



Welcome to Year 1! We have a lovely term lined up and it should be extremely fun. I am so excited to be part of your child's education, and I am especially looking forward to seeing all the progress they make.

Geography- Winterbourne to Bristol

This term our Geography Unit is focusing on the village of Winterbourne and the city of Bristol. We will start the term learning about the United Kingdom, the capital cities and the seas and oceans that surround the UK. We will be using map skills to identify Winterbourne and Bristol and discuss the differences between a village and a city. We will also be looking at how Winterbourne has changed over time. Year 1 will look at the different methods of transport you can use to get from Winterbourne to Bristol and how long each journey would take. We will be visiting different areas of Winterbourne on a short class trip and using our understanding to create a persuasive poster of what Winterbourne has to offer.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will be recapping all of our sounds learnt from last year and using these sounds in our Guided Reading sessions. We will start the year with Phase 4 revision and move onto phase 5 at the end of term. Phonics will be taught every day and there will be 4 sessions of guided reading a week.

Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Writing

This term we will be focusing on finger spaces, full stops, capital letters and trying to sequence sentences together. We will be concentrating on our handwriting and how we sit our writing on the line. The first text that we shall explore is called 'Beegu'. We will be writing a few sentences of the story using story mapping and actions to support our learning. The children will write a postcard with a setting description of Beegu's planet. Our second text is called 'Can I join your club?' This will be our non-fiction unit where we will write instructions of how to be a good friend.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be learning about place value to 10. We will be solving addition and subtraction problems within 10 towards the end of term to ensure they have a secure understanding of this area. We will be linking our Maths to our Science Unit of everyday materials.

Science

This term we will be learning about everyday materials. We shall be exploring the properties of different materials and thinking about which materials will be best for Beegu's spaceship. We will investigate various properties including whether it is strong, waterproof, absorbent, transparent, opaque. We will be making simple predictions and observing over time.

PE

This term Year 1 will be doing PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has joggers/shorts and a jumper as they will need to wear their PE kit all day. We will be focusing on footwork and one legged balances on a Tuesday. On Thursday the lesson will be with a sport's coach.

Art, Computing and Jigsaw

In art Year 1 will be looking at Anthony Frost and using his painting techniques to create some Sgraffito artwork. We will be looking at how to keep safe online in our computing lessons. Our Jigsaw focus will be 'Being me in my world' where we will discuss how to be safe and what is special to each child.

Homework

Your child will bring home two reading books each week. One book will related to their phonetical understanding and one pleasure for reading book. Books will be changed on a **Wednesday**. Spellings will be sent out each week which will be related to their phonics focus and Year 1 spelling list.

Thank you for all your support, any questions please find me before or after school.

Mr Smith

Key Dates

17.09.24 – Individual Photographs
23.09.24 – PTA AGM, 9.10am School Hall
25.09.24 – Open Morning for new parents
02.10.24 – Flu Vaccinations
03.10.24 – Harvest Festival
04.10.24 – INSET Day
09.10.24 – Grandparents' Afternoon
14.10.24 – Parent Consultation Evening
17.10.24 – Parent Consultation Evening
22-24.10.24 – Prayer Spaces
25.10.24 – Geography Event Day
28.10.24 – HALF TERM
04.11.24 – Start of Term 2

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