Year 1 Newsletter – Term 1

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 even 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 focusing on our handwriting and how we present our writing on the line.
The first text that we shall explore is called 'Beegu'. We shall be writing out a few sentences of the story using story mapping and actions to support our learning. Our writing outcome will be to write sentences for a postcard from Beegu. Our second text is called 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' This will be our non-fiction unit where we will write out rules for a friend coming over for tea.

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 even thinking about which materials will be best for Beegu's spaceship. We will look into the properties of strength, waterproof, absorbent, transparent, opaque and many more. We will be making simple predictions and observing over time.

PE
This term Year 1 will be doing PE on a Thursday and Friday. 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 Friday. 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 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 relate 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

24.09.26 – Individual Photographs

09.10.26 – Harvest Festival

07.10.26 – Open Evening for new parents

12.10.26 – INSET Day

14.10.26 – Open Morning for new parents