

# Year 1 Class Newsletter



Term 2 2020



## What is Year 1 like in Term 2?

Year 1 will continue to be taught using small group teacher led learning alongside independent challenges. This will look to increase their independence, develop their resilience and allow them to manage their own learning. This approach will be used in Maths, English and Topic - not too scary after all and of course there is always lots of time for explore and discover! The children will also have a handwriting challenge to complete each morning when they arrive.



## Maths



In Maths this term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. We will explore the addition and subtraction symbols and use a range of manipulatives to build given calculations. We will then be learning how to write number sentences using the addition, subtraction and equals symbol. We will also be proving if a given calculation is true or false by using manipulatives and drawings to prove and justify our answers.

At home, it would be helpful if children were encouraged to work on number bonds to ten. They can also continue to look at part part whole models and using a tens frame. In Year 1 they are encouraged to explore Mathematics as much as possible at home.

## English

In English this term, the children will be learning about traditional tales and focusing on the tale of Hansel and Gretel. They will use drama to act out the main events and once confident, the children will plan and write their own alternative ending. We will be learning how to punctuate our sentences correctly using a capital letter and a full stop. We will be continuing to work on the children's letter formation and, finger spacing. Please help your child to practice using full stops, finger spaces and capital/lowercase letters when writing at home.

## Topic: Way Back When

In Topic, we will be exploring films from the past and comparing them to new films that are out today. We will be learning how old and new films are made and looking at how settings and costumes have changed. The children will get the chance to explore animation and how stop motions are created. They will be making their own clay character models, using Ipads to create a stop motion and planning and making their own puppets. They will then use all these skills to create their own classic movie of Hansel and Gretel. We will then move onto old and new music and how this has changed over the years. We will start to form our own bands by Christmas, playing our own instruments and singing. If you know anyone that plays music or is in a band let us know. We would like to get hold of them.

## Reminders

- Reading books and records need to be in every day as we would like the children to read daily. We only change them on Monday and Thursday due to quarantining books. Children are encouraged to read through books a couple of times. An adult must sign the reading record to confirm that the child has finished reading their book.
- Children must have a water bottle in school each day.
- Children will need warm PE clothing as we try to go outside as much as possible.
- All school clothing to be labelled. This helps us out lots. 😊

## Children's timetable

<u>Monday:</u>	Reading books changed (2 books)
<u>Tuesday:</u>	PE
<u>Thursday:</u>	Reading books changed (2 books) Green Home Learning book due in
<u>Friday:</u>	Spelling test Number Bonds Quiz New Home Learning set (spelling shed and Mathematics) PE

## Good to know

PE: Children can wear PE kit for the whole day on PE days (Tuesday and Friday). This needs to be suitable for outdoor PE.

PE kit: White top, black or navy bottoms with a black or navy zip jacket.

Outdoor Learning: Children will need warm clothing and sensible footwear for their outdoor learning days.

Miss Pittam's class: Wednesdays (Fortnightly)

Miss Alexander's class: Thursdays (Fortnightly)

(This will start from week beginning 02.11.20)