

## **Year 1 Term 2 Newsletter**

We hope you all had a restful half-term break. We are very excited to welcome everyone back to and to begin our new learning journey in Year 1.

### **Maths Family Toolkit**

The maths Family Toolkit will continue this term. Books will be sent home with new homework on Friday's which we would like to be completed by the following Thursday. Please do continue to give us your feedback regarding the tasks; it is greatly appreciated.

### **Reading**

We will begin our Reading Challenge this term on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. This term we have set the target as 35 reads before half term to achieve the challenge. All children who reach the goal will be entered into a prize draw to win a fabulous reading book.

Reading diaries are checked each day so please make sure they are brought in along with your child's reading books. We are planning to read with your child at least once every two weeks in school but they will not have set reading days.

### **PE**

This term, both classes will have their PE sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. This term we will be developing our ball skills and gymnastics through a range of games, use of equipment and creating routines.

We are planning on having both sessions of PE indoors; this will mean that the children will each need a coloured house PE t-shirt and shorts.

Please make sure your child has a house coloured t-shirt for all PE sessions. If you need to purchase one they are still available from the office for £1.

### **Forest School**

This term 1B will be having Forest School on a Monday afternoon with Mrs Houldey so children will need wellies and a waterproof coat.

### **Cold Weather**

As the temperature drops outside we would like all children to bring suitable outdoor clothing such as coats, hats and gloves. Please make sure these are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Remembrance Day**

As a school we would like to produce a piece of artwork for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Remembrance Day. We would like each child to make a poppy at home and bring it into school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Contacting us**

Unless you urgently need to speak to us, it is best to catch us at the end of the day when we have more time to talk. Alternatively, you can email or phone the office if you would like to arrange a time to speak to us.

### **Best regards**

**Miss Abi Baldry, Miss Natasha Groves, Mrs Carol Ridgeway, Mrs Keron Hollier**

## Year 1 – Term 2 – Winter Wonderland

### English

In English this term we are focusing on instruction writing. We will be exploring the features of an instruction text and comparing fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also be following, ordering and writing instructions to make toys.

**Key Vocabulary:**  
**Instructions, chronological, imperative verb, time conjunctions, fiction, non-fiction**



### Maths

This term we are focusing on 4 different areas of maths: place value, addition and subtraction, length and money.

**Place value:** This will focus on how teen numbers are made using 10 and some more.

**Addition and subtraction:** We will focus on adding and subtracting within 20.

**Length:** We will be measuring a range of items using different measures such as cubes and cm.

**Money:** We will be looking at identifying and ordering coins and begin to add and subtract money.

**Key vocabulary:**  
**Teen, digit, order, add, subtract, take-away, more, less, centimetre, meter, longest, shortest, pence, pound.**

### Science

This term we are learning about seasonal changes and the weather. We will be keeping a weekly weather chart to observe how Autumn becomes Winter.

**Key vocabulary:**  
**Weather, temperature, hot, cold, humid, ice, rain, wind, snow, sleet, sunshine, season, Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer**



### Art/DT

This term we will be doing Art and DT through construction based activities. Children will design and create toys from a variety of materials as well as design their own Christmas decoration.

**Key vocabulary:**  
**Design, cut, stick, construct, paint, draw, plan**

### P4C (Philosophy for Children)

The values for November and December are **Peace** and **Understanding**. We will be exploring these values every week through discussion, role-play and storytelling.



### RE

This term we are learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. We will be performing a Christmas nativity to go alongside our learning of Christmas celebrations.

**Key vocabulary:**  
**Christmas, Christianity, celebration, religion**