

Dear Y1 Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant first half term we had in Y1! It seemed to fly by! I hope you all had a wonderful half term break; our Y1 children have certainly come back with a positive learning attitude which is lovely to see. We have an exciting half term ahead and look forward to all the festivities we can enjoy together in the lead up to Christmas.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

### PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday. On Tuesday we will be doing 'yoga' with Mrs Freeman and Friday will be 'fundamentals' with Mrs Trotter. Some of our Friday sessions will be used for nativity practise, but children can still come in their PE kits, as this involves lots of singing and dancing! Please ensure your child has their earrings removed on these days if they are unable to take them out. A quick reminder that if your child had their ears pierced over the summer holidays and have been wearing plastic retainers, these now need removing as detailed in our jewellery policy.

### Reading Books

Your child will continue to bring home two reading books; their phonics Read Write Inc one (which is changed every Monday) and a 50 Y1 Recommended Read book (which they can change on a Thursday). Please can I ask that your child has these books in their book bag on these days so we can swap them. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

### Spelling books

The children will continue bringing home their spelling book on a Friday. They will have their new spelling list stuck in and these will also be on Spelling Shed. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings. Their spelling books need to be in school every **Friday**.

### Homework

Every Friday, we will be sending home a short maths task (on Seesaw) and a Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc video (on Seesaw). These should not take longer than 5 - 10 minutes each, so please can we ask that all children complete them over the week. Thank you for your support.

### Half Term Dates

Here is a quick reminder of some of the key dates which were sent out at the start of the year. It is going to be a very exciting half term!

- 10.15.25 – Odd Sock Day (linked to anti-bullying. No donation needed).
- 20.11.25 – Flu spray
- 20.11.25 – Ellis Church in the hall after school
- 21.11.25 – Children in Need (children can wear spots or pyjamas)
- 11.12.25 – Christmas dinner and jumper day
- 11.12.25 - Christmas disco (after school - more details to follow)
- 12.12.25 – HAGS Christmas concert (in the evening)
- 16.12.25 - Y1 trip to Cast Theatre to see 'Hansel and Gretel'
- 16.12.25 and 17.12.25 – KS1 nativity performances 6pm
- 18.12.25 - Christmas party day (children can wear party clothes, but please be mindful of outdoor play)
- 19.12.25 – Christingle 2pm (parents / grandparents are welcome to attend).

I hope you are enjoying our photos on Classdojo. I will continue to share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information via this platform so please ensure you check it regularly.

## Autumn 2 learning overview

### English

We will continue to follow our Read Write Inc scheme and children will have access to lots of different books at their phonic level which will help them to continue developing their reading and writing skills. As well as this dedicated Read Write Inc time, we will continue to spend time as a class looking at some lovely high quality books based around communities and then winter/Christmas. Our titles for this half term are *The Missing Piece*, *Rosa Parks*, *We want out books*, *Saving Mr Hoot*, *My name is not Refugee*, *Snowmen at night*, *Luna loves Christmas*. These sessions are led by Mrs Trotter and all the children in Y1 share these books together.

### Maths

We will continue learning about addition and subtraction to 10. The children will learn to find number bonds systematically, to find a part by subtraction, to write fact families and to learn how to add and subtract on a number line. We will then move onto our shape unit when we will be learning to recognise, name, describe and sort a number of 2d and 3d shapes as well as exploring different patterns which can be created with these shapes.

### Science

Our Science learning will focus on *Everyday Materials* this half term. We will be learning about materials such as wood, plastic, metal, paper, fabric, rubber and glass. We will be identifying which material is best suited to which job, carrying out an investigation into waterproof materials and developing our scientific vocabulary for describing materials.

### Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the question 'What is it like here?' We will be looking at where we live in the UK and how this connects to the rest of the world. We will then be focusing on our school grounds, studying and creating our own maps before we focus on our outdoor play areas and discuss what we like about them and think of things we could do to improve them.

### RE

In RE, we will be exploring why Christmas matters to Christians. We will also be carrying out of nativity and Christingle service.

### PE

We will be focusing on fundamental skills including balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. In yoga, we will have a different theme each week to explore and will think about how yoga benefits both our bodies and our minds.

### DT

In DT, we will be learning about structures, focusing on what makes a structure stable. We will then design, make and evaluate our own pencil pots.

### Computing

We will be learning about grouping and sorting data and information. We will be labelling groups, counting objects in groups, sorting objects based on the properties they choose and will finally answer questions about data.

### Music

We will be learning about tempo this half term. We will be focusing on perform with our speaking and singing voices as well as percussion instruments to show different tempos.

### PSHE

We will be thinking about