



Class 1

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2023

Welcome to our half termly newsletter 😊

Reading books will be changed every Wednesday.

P.E days are Tuesday and Thursdays.

Library books will be changed every Friday.

Show and Tell is every Friday

**Please ensure reading books and library books are in your child's folder every day -
Thank you.**

This term the children will be learning lots of new things. Please see below the different subjects.

Numeracy

We will be focusing on Place Value (within 10) & Addition & Subtraction within 10 for Y1 and Place Value (within 100) & Addition & Subtraction for Year 2. We will use 'Hit the button' to support our learning and we will be starting 'Mastering Number' once again this year.

Literacy

We will be reading and sharing a variety of different texts and genres and will be undertaking whole class reading and Group Reading. Volunteers will also be coming into class to listen to children read often throughout the week.

Phonics

Phonics will take place each morning and the children will be learning Little Wandle Phonics scheme again. They will be sharing a phonics book three times at the start of the week and focusing on decoding, prosody and comprehension. The children will then take this book home to practise reading fluently.

History

This half-term we will be looking at the changes in toys over the past 60 years. The children will begin by looking at modern day toys and then they will discuss and make comparisons between the toys they play with in the modern day.

P.E

On a Tuesday afternoon, the children will be learning to play the game 'Ten Point Hoops' with Mr Leinster and Mrs Murtagh. On a Thursday afternoon the children will be doing Gymnastics with Miss Lee and Mrs Murtagh.

R.E

In R.E this term, we will be exploring 'What can we learn from the story of St Cuthbert?' We hope to visit St Cuthbert's church this term too and find out why the bible is special to Christians.



Music

We will be following the Durham Music programme called 'Charanga'. The children will be working from the unit called 'Under the Sea' and 'Fairytale'. They will be singing, playing, improvising and composing as well as listening and singing to a variety of songs.

PSHCE

We will be learning about Family and Relationships. We will look at what is a family, what makes a good friend, other people's feelings, friendship problems and gender stereotypes.

Science

This term we will be learning about different materials and the children will be able to identify objects made from different materials. They will be able to identify the difference between an object and the material from which it is made. We will also find out about the scientist 'Charles Macintosh'.

Design & Technology

In Design and Technology, the children will be making a moving story book. They will explore slider mechanisms and the movement they output, to design, make and evaluate a moving storybook from a range of templates.

Computing

We will be learning key basic computer skills such as switching on and logging on to a PC device with adult support, identifying and using some of the main keys on a keyboard to complete a task with adult support and typing skills.

Art & Design

Children will be using a variety of different drawing techniques to create a story. They will use charcoal, create textures, do some observational drawing and develop illustrations to create a story.

Forest school

Forest school will take place every Wednesday afternoon with Miss Lee, Mrs Murtagh and Mrs Goodman. Mrs Goodman is a fully qualified Forest school leader so she will be able to fully support Miss Lee and enhance children's outdoor learning. Please ensure your child brings to school waterproof clothing and wellingtons for these sessions.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Friday and returned on a Thursday.

If you have any queries or would like to help by listening to children read, please contact a member of staff.

Many Thanks,

Miss Lee, Mrs Murtagh & Mrs Goodman 😊

