

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term 1 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! We want to assure you that the children have settled quickly with the changes and new routines in Y1. We would like to thank you for your continuing support and look forward to working with you over the course of the next year. Our learning this term is...

English - We will learn through Read, Write Inc, and class-based writing lessons. Our writing focus will be sentence skills - beginning to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops correctly, and also handwriting, including correct letter formation.

Maths - Please continue to help your child with their 'Learn Its' from last year, any new 'Learn Its' will be sent home shortly. We will also be learning about addition, subtraction and the value of a number.

Topic - Our Topic this half term is



Paws, Claws and Whiskers



What do we know about our pets?

What can we do to help look after them?

Can we find any interesting facts about our pets either at home or in our school library?

We will...

- Compare animals habitats and where different wildlife come from
- Create and take part in our own dance sequence
- Paint pictures using different textures, styles and techniques
- Look at the features of animals and sort them into groups
- Use a range of different media to create images and models
- Learn animal songs and rhymes
- Solve and make our own animal puzzles and riddles

P.E. - Our P.E. days in Year 1 are Monday and Friday. Please make sure that your child's P.E. kit is in school and earrings are removed. If your child goes to sport after school clubs, please make sure that their kit is returned to school after each session. Please make sure that P.E. kits, **as all uniform, are clearly named**. Although we will always help when children can't manage, please help your child to learn to get dressed and undressed *by themselves* so that they can gain greater independence. It is usual for P.E. kits to go home for washing when we break up for holidays and stay in school otherwise.

Drink money - If you would like your child to have a drink of squash at lunch time, please make sure that you send £1 to school **IN A NAMED ENVELOPE ON MONDAY MORNINGS**. If you don't have an envelope to use, sellotape the £1 coin to some paper with your child's name and class written on it.

Homework - Please continue to support your child at home by helping them with Maths homework, letter sounds, spellings and reading. When you share books with your child, please fill in their home-school reading diary so that they can quickly be rewarded with certificates. Thank you, again, for your support. Our home-school partnership has a significant impact on the children's learning.

A reminder - If there is someone other than mum or dad who is collecting your child, please can you notify school so that they can be quickly released at home time. Your child's safety is our prime concern and prior notification avoids any delay at the classroom door.

Please feel free to approach us at the door if you need to ask anything. The end of the day is a better time than in the morning!

Thank you for your support and co-operation.
Mrs Doidge, Miss Jassal, Mrs Davis and Mrs Westaway