



Autumn 2023

Welcome to Year 1's Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break. All the children have settled well into their classrooms and into the Year 1 routines. The learning has started off great and we are delighted with the topics we will be studying across the Autumn term. We look forward to an exciting few weeks.

The Year 1 team are:

Mrs Parkes: Class Teacher

Miss Jabeen: Class Teacher

Mrs Bednall: Teaching Assistant

Miss Islam: Teaching Assistant

Miss Thompson: Teaching Assistant

English



A picture book about a little girl who creates a garden on a disused car park rooftop. Children will be exploring the story and illustrations as well as doing some of their own writing in a variety of forms.

Reading

Every day, the Year 1 children will be apart of guided reading. During these sessions, your child will take part in a variety of activities, such as: reading with a teacher, completing independent reading activities, comprehension skills and vocabulary / phonics work. This will help to strengthen both their reading skills and their comprehension ability. Your child will be given a book that is suited to their reading ability and will come home with one weekly.

Science

Plant detectives!

We will be discovering the parts of different plants and what they need to grow.

Geography

Where I live?

This unit will explore the area around Salisbury Primary School and the difference between physical and human features.

Computing

During computing this half term, Year 1 will be familiarising themselves with Purple Mash, learning how to login safely and how to keep their passwords safe. They will be looking at how to stay safe online and will understand this applies to home computers too.

DT

Houses and homes.

We will be focusing on sharing experiences of our own homes and the shapes and features of houses.

RE

Our RE topic this half term is looking at different celebrations, this includes why they are special, who they are special too, and what happens during these celebrations.

Mathematics

Children will be counting up to 10, sorting objects into groups and recognising numbers up to 10. They will then be focussing on addition and subtraction. Finally, before the end of term they will be learning the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



Important days of the week

Friday – homework book and reading book are sent home.

Wednesday – children to return homework book and reading book ready to be changed for the Friday.

PE day – Tuesday

Please send your child to school dressed ready for PE:

Plain white t-shirt

Plain black shorts/joggers

Plain black hoodie/sweatshirt

Trainers

Polite reminders:

Please ensure that your child's clothing, water bottle and lunch bag are clearly labelled with their full name as these get mixed up regularly.

We provide toast every morning as the children enter school and fruit is provided every day during snack time. All children in Year 1 are entitled to a school dinner.

If you have any questions, then please contact any of the Year 1 team.

Phonics

Your child will take part in daily phonics lessons to learn all the sounds and help strengthen their skills as a reader. Your child's home reading book will also link to the sounds and words they have been learning in school.

This is really important to get them ready for our Year 1 phonics assessments later in the year. (More information to follow closer to the time)

PE

Our PE will start off with throwing and catching. Over the coming weeks, Year 1 will be learning how to roll balls across the floor to one another, bounce the balls in different directions, catch the ball by themselves and then throw and catch with a partner.

PSHE

Being Me in My World – we will be exploring how to feel safe and special, discovering our rights and responsibilities, as well as learning about rewards and consequences in different situations.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is an app where teachers and parents can communicate messages to one another. Not only this, but Class Dojo allows teachers to post work that the children have completed, give points to those following rules and update whole class information. If you need to contact your class teacher, and it is not an emergency please message on here and we will respond as soon as we can. If you have any access issues, please contact Mrs Parkes, who will be able to assist.

Important dates

Week beginning Monday 23rd
October parents' evening.

House System

All children in school have been allocated a house team:

Mars (Red)

Neptune (Blue)

Saturn (Yellow)

Jupiter (Green)

Throughout each week, and over the year, children will be earning points for their team, these will be the same as collecting Dojo points.

- Being a great team player
- Achieving the best they can
- Challenging themselves
- Understanding leadership qualities
- Knowing how to be responsible
- Gaining confidence in what they do
- Developing good communication skills
- Learning to be flexible and resilient

Those children who are part of the winning team, will have an off-curriculum day, where they will have fun activities as a reward.

This year, we are hoping to take part in more charity events and competitions. This information will be shared with you closer to the times.