



Year 1

## Autumn Newsletter



Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so wonderful to see all the children so happy to be back in school and they have made a great start to Year 1. We have had lots of fun getting to know each other this week and I am looking forward to the year we have ahead of us.

### Reading

Every morning, the children will take part in guided reading sessions where each group work with an adult to focus on reading skills. As well as this, each child will read one to one with an adult once a week. **We will give each child a new book to take home every Friday and ask for all books to be returned the following Wednesday.**

### PE

We will have PE sessions with Billy on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Please make sure that children come to school in their PE kit and that they also have suitable footwear to do the activities comfortably and safely. T-shirts can be purchased through Sharon in the office.

### Literacy

Throughout Year 1 the children will be focussing on using full stops and capital letters, finger spaces between their words, and using their sounds to spell phonetically plausible words. This term we will be retelling some stories in our own words, writing information texts as well as some lovely poetry.

### Numeracy

This term we will be focussing on the place value of numbers. The children will represent these numbers in many different ways as well as ordering and comparing them. We will then move on to the addition and subtraction of numbers. As well as our number work, we will be naming and grouping 2D and 3D shapes.

### Science

In the first half term, we will be studying 'everyday materials' where children will name the material things are made of and investigate why that material was used based on its properties.

In the second half term, we will be studying 'seasonal changes' where we will name the four seasons, observe the changes in our local environment and discover how different animals survive winter.

### Topic

In the first half term, our topic is 'home sweet home.' Here the children will discover different types of homes, be introduced to simple maps of our local area and learn about London landmarks.

In the second half term, our topic is 'all aboard' where we will learn about different modes of transport and how they have changed over time.

### Snacks

Every morning, the children will be given a piece of fruit before playtime. Children are also encouraged to stay hydrated throughout the day, so children should all come in to school with **two full bottles of water** every day

If you need to contact me regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please email me at [amurray@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:amurray@wtwschool.co.uk)

Any urgent messages that need to be dealt with on the same day, must be telephoned through to the school office as I may not access my emails during the school day.