

Key Stage One Newsletter Autumn Term 2023



Welcome to a new school year, we have a lot planned for this term and the rest of the year!

The children in have had a fantastic start back to the new year and have settled into routine well and are showing their enthusiasm to learn which is brilliant! They are working hard and look great in their smart school uniforms. Please make sure that the children's clothes, lunchboxes and water bottles are ALL named as we always have a box full of lost property.

KS1 team

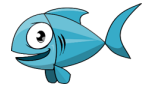
Tadpoles: Mrs Craig

Minnows: Mrs Dakramendjian

Ducklings: Miss Parris

Sticklebacks: Mrs Dearn

TAs and HLTAs: Miss Appleby, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Fawkes, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Jain, Mrs Sharp.



Literacy

Our Literacy work this half-term will focus around the story of 'The Little Mermaid'. We will start by focusing on the Disney version of the tale by writing character descriptions of Ursula and Ariel. We will also be writing setting descriptions for Ursula's cave.

We will be writing instructions for building a sandcastle and creating a non-fiction text on sharks. We will learn how to label correctly and use subheadings to organise our non-fiction writing.

Next half term, we will be linking our Literacy lessons with our topic of the Great Fire of London where we will be looking at writing diary entries and retelling the story of 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. We will also be writing a character description and instructions for a fire drill. We will be looking at poetry and writing our own poems.

Read write Inc has started this term and the children are enjoying working in their new groups. If you want to know more, ask your child!



Numeracy

We will start the year by looking at number and how we understand the value of number with lots of counting and ordering of numbers.

We will then be focusing on adding and subtracting in both year groups and be securing their number facts to 10 in Year 1 and 100 in Year 2. Within this, we will also be working on the children's ability to use their calculation skills to solve puzzles and word problems.

Later in the term, Year 1 will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and Year 2 will look at money and multiplication.

Children will also be completing daily maths drills which help children remember key mathematical facts such as number bonds and times tables.

They will also be completing a weekly times table test so keep an eye open for their scores coming home!



Curriculum information

Science

In Year 1 the children will be learning about materials for the whole term where they are identifying the name of them, their properties and also objects made with the materials. They will also look at the seasonal changes in Autumn and then Winter in the second half term.

In Year 2 they will be looking at different habitats and the plants and animals that live in them. We are hoping to visit Linford Wood to see the conditions in a woodland habitat. In the second half term they will be looking at materials where they will recap their knowledge on names, properties and objects and then look at suitability and how they can change materials by bending, stretching, squashing and twisting.

Computing

In Year 1, the children will be learning how to use the different equipment associated with computers like a mouse and then they will be doing digital painting to create their own art. In Year 2, they will be developing their word processing skills and then be looking at creating their own algorithms using Scratch.

Geography In Geography this half term we will be focusing on our local area. We will learn how to locate key points of interest on a map, how to create our own map and also how to use compass directions. We will also be walking our local area to identify features and how they are used.

History In Autumn 2 we will learn about the Great Fire of London; how, where and why it happened.

Art In Art in Autumn 1 we are focusing on the work of Kandinsky. We will learn about primary and secondary colours and how to mix them to recreate our own version of Kandinsky's concentric circles. In Autumn 2 we will be creating self portraits using different media like clay and pencil.

RE In RE we will be learning about key figures and belief in the Christian and Jewish religions. We will start by learning who Jesus was and move onto knowing about Abraham and Moses. In Autumn 2 we will learn about the celebrations of Hanukkah and Christmas.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at feelings and how we can respond to different feelings effectively. We will then move onto thinking about the difference between good (nice surprises) and bad secrets and what to do if we are uncomfortable with a secret someone has asked us to keep. In Autumn 2 we will focus on anti-bullying; focussing on what bullying is and being able to identify what we can do if someone is being bullied.

Dates for your diary...

19th Sept—Local area walk
26th Sept—Yr2 Linford Wood trip
29th Sept—Macmillan Coffee morning and open morning
5th October—Sticklebacks Harvest Assembly
18th and 19th October—Parent's Evening
23rd October—Half Term
30th October—Back to school

Reading

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. This is why we want children to read at least 4x a week at home!

Please ensure that each time you read with your child you sign their diary so they can earn their special sticker each week. We give a sticker and dojos to children that read 4/5 times a week.

PE

Tadpoles: Tuesday and Thursday
Minnows: Tuesday and Friday
Ducklings: Wednesday and Friday
Sticklebacks: Monday and Thursday

All pupils in Key Stage One need to bring their P.E. kits (black shorts, white t-shirt and plim-solls or trainers) every Monday. Kits will be taken home on Friday for washing.

The PE cup is awarded to the class with the most children in full PE kit, so please ensure your child has the correct kit for each lesson. Every class would love to win the trophy!



Reminders

- ◆ Your child will be given spellings every Monday and will need to practise them ready for a spelling test the following Friday.
- ◆ The children will be given homework tasks each week on a Thursday. They may be maths, writing or a reading task. Please ensure that they complete these tasks and return to school by Tuesday.
- ◆ Please can you remind your child to bring their book bag and diary to school everyday.
- ◆ Every child needs to have a water bottle in school filled with water so that they don't become dehydrated during the school day. Please make sure that the bottle is named