

Year 1 Class Newsletter - September Edition

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of our Year 1 class newsletter! We are excited to start this new school year and look forward to working together to make it a fun and successful time for your children. In this newsletter, we will share what we've been learning in class, upcoming events, and important reminders. Let's dive into what's been happening in Year 1 so far!

What We've Been Learning

Phonics and Reading:

We've hit the ground running with our phonics lessons, following the *Read Write Inc.* programme. The children are practising their Set 1 and Set 2 sounds, blending them to read words and sentences. They've also started reading some of our *Read Write Inc.* Storybooks, which they are enjoying.

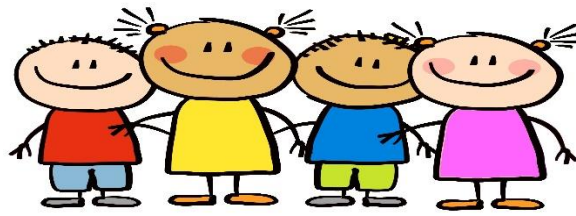
To support your child's progress, we encourage regular reading at home. Your child will bring home a book that matches their phonics level each week. Please try to read with them daily and celebrate their progress!

Maths:

In Maths, we have been working on numbers to 10, focusing on counting forwards and backwards, number formation, and comparing numbers by finding the same more and less. The children are enjoying using practical resources like number lines and counters to help them visualise their calculations. You can help at home by practising counting with your child and recognising numbers in everyday situations, like spotting numbers on doors or in the shops.

Writing:

We've begun exploring nouns we are learning to recognise nouns as naming words for people, places, animals and objects, identify and using nouns in speaking, writing and reading as well as understanding the difference between singular and plural nouns. We are beginning to use capital letters for the beginning for proper nouns (names of people and Places) The children are practising forming their letters correctly, using finger spaces, and starting to write simple sentences. The children are doing a fantastic job using their phonics knowledge to sound out words in their writing!



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Project: Happily Ever After

This term, we're focusing on the project "Happily Ever After" this immerses children in the world of fairy tales, focusing on literacy, drama, and creative arts. Through various activities, children will develop a love for stories while building communication, empathy, and creative skills.

Key Learning Areas:

Literacy: Traditional Fairy Tales: Reading, retelling, and predicting story outcomes.

Creative Writing: Crafting their own fairy tales with a focus on characters and plot.

Drama and Performing Arts: Character Motifs: Creating movements and voices for fairy tale characters. **Emotions and Voice:** Using call-and-response to express emotions and create sound effects for storytelling.

PSHE: Empathy: Exploring themes of bullying, teasing, and fairness. **Positive Behaviour:** Discussing kindness and the consequences of negative actions in fairy tales and real life.

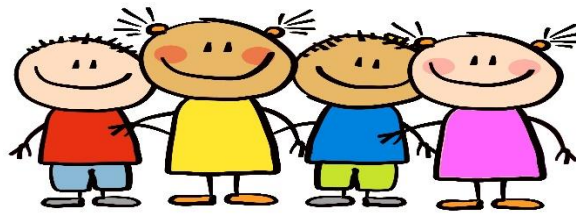
Science: Life Cycles and Habitats: Learning about animals and their habitats, linked to nature-themed fairy tales.

Physical Education: Emotional Movement: Expressing emotions through movement, reflecting characters' feelings.

Music: Character Voices: Creating voices and sound effects for fairy tales. **Call-and-Response:** Developing vocal expression through rhythm and tone.

Design & Technology: Magical Items: Designing objects with magical properties, fostering creativity and collaboration. **Multimedia:** Using digital tools for storytelling and illustrations.

Computing: Algorithms: Writing instructions using directional language to guide fairy tale characters.



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Upcoming Events

Phonics Information Meeting

We will be holding a *Phonics and Reading Information Session* for parents on **Wednesday, October 2nd, at 9.00 AM**. This is a great opportunity to learn about how we teach phonics using the *Read Write Inc.* programme and how you can support your child's reading at home. We hope to see you there!

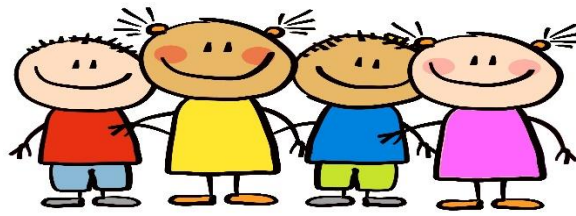
Important Reminders

- **PE Days:** Our PE lessons are on **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.
 - **Reading Books:** Reading books will be sent home every **Wednesday**. Please make sure they are returned by the following Wednesday so we can update your child's book for the following week.
 - **Water Bottles:** Remember to send your child to school with a water bottle every day to keep them hydrated throughout the day.
 - **Homework:** Homework will be sent home in the homework book every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.
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How You Can Help at Home

Here are some ways you can support your child's learning at home:

- **Daily reading:** Spend a few minutes each day reading with your child and talking about the book.
 - **Counting practice:** Use everyday moments to practise counting objects, recognising numbers, or playing simple maths games.
 - **Phonics practice:** Help your child to practise the sounds they've learned in phonics by reviewing sound cards or playing phonics games.
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Key Stage 1	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	
	Story Sessions Let the Children Come	Session 1 I am Unique	Session 1 Feelings, Likes and Dislikes	Session 1 The Cycle of Life	Session 1 God Loves You	Session 1 Special People	Session 1 Real Life Online	Session 1 Good and Bad Secrets	Session 1 Three In One	Session 1 The Communities We Live In
		Session 2 Girls and Boys	Session 2 Feeling Inside Out	Session 2: Beginnings and Endings		Session 2 Treat Others Well...	Session 2 Rules To Help Us	Session 2 Physical Contact	Session 2 Who is My Neighbour?	
		Session 3 Clean and Healthy (My Body)	Session 3 Super Susie Gets Angry			Session 3 ...and Say Sorry		Session 3 Harmful Substances		
								Session 4 Can You Help Me? (Part 1)		
								Session 5 Can You Help Me? (Part 2)		

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Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can reach us via the school office or speak to us at the door at the beginning or end of the school day. We're always here to support you and your child.

We look forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun in Year 1!

Best wishes,

Mrs Brotherton and the Reception / Year One Team
