

Autumn Term Year One Newsletter

Meet the Team

Teachers

Miss White

Mr Bees

Mrs Hamilton (Thursdays)
Mrs Gosling (Trainee Teacher)
Mrs Thomas (Art)
Miss Wickham (Music)
Mrs Posnett
Mrs Page

Support Staff

Mrs Sey (HLTA)
Mrs Edmonds

Key Dates

Monday 19th September
Teacher Led Clubs Start

Tuesday 18th October
Towcester Field Trip/Walk

Monday 3rd October
Warrior Challenge

1st and 2nd November
Parents' Meetings

2nd and 3rd November
Individual Pupil Photographs

Friday 18th November
Children in Need

Thursday 8th December
Christmas Performance

Friday 16th December
Last Day of Term.

Projects

This is a really lovely opportunity for the children to show and tell their individual skills and interests, around a common theme. They can be as creative as they like and show us what they have learned by making, writing, drawing or using technology. Please don't feel any pressure as parents to make these perfect, it's all about the children enjoying a project and having the confidence to talk about it in front of their peers. Children will receive a merit for their efforts.

Autumn 1 – share on Friday 4th

November – Topic: Fireworks

Autumn 2 - share on Friday 6th January –
Topic: Christmas and Celebrations

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year One! We hope you've all had a wonderful break over the summer holidays and enjoyed some family time. It has been lovely getting to know the children this week and thank you for being patient with us at home time, as we get to know you too. The children have really impressed us by following the Golden Rules and have settled into the Year One structure fantastically well. They have enjoyed sitting in their table groups and taking on responsibilities to look after our classrooms and equipment.

Thank you for ensuring the children arrive at the classroom doors between 8.30am and 8.45am so that we can begin their learning promptly. The children are getting more familiar with where their trays etc are and putting their things away independently. We have been getting them straight to work, reinforcing previous learning by completing morning jobs.

Subject Overviews

English:

In English, we use a whole school approach to writing, called 'The Write Stuff', which uses exciting experience days to inspire the children to stack super sentences, which we proudly build on a wall display! We hope to take the children on some exciting off-site visits, although we often use our imaginations to create excitement within the classroom too. Our first story will be The Train Ride by June Crebbin, before moving onto The Queen's Hat, by Steve Anthony.

Our class novels this term are The Twits and George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

Phonics and Reading

We will soon be starting our new Phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. This will include sending home new books that closely match the lessons. Further details on this will be shared with you as soon as possible. In the meantime, while we are assessing and grouping the children, we will be sending home reading books following on from their previous groupings and levels.

Maths:

Building on from the Maths concepts which they have learnt in Reception the children will begin their journey on the National Curriculum. We use the same approach and resources from the White Rose Maths scheme. We will provide lots of opportunities to use practical equipment, as well as challenging them through reasoning and problem-solving tasks. This term we will focus on numbers to 20, place value, addition and subtraction and shape.

Science:

This term we will be exploring the seasonal changes focusing on autumn and winter. We will also be learning all about everyday materials, their properties, such as absorbency, transparency and magnets.

Computing:

The children will be using technology in the classroom using both computers and digital devices; developing keyboard, and mouse skills and knowing how to be responsible for the device they are with

Key Information

Book Bags: Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school each day. Children will sometimes bring home letters, pictures etc. Please can you check their bag **every day** and help them to remove these items so that they can quickly and independently access their reading book etc when they need to.

Art Aprons: The children will take part in Art lessons, with Mrs Thomas in our Art Studio. Please provide your child with a clearly named waterproof apron or an old shirt. Please bear in mind that paint may go through old shirts!

Water Bottles and Snack: Please ensure your child's water bottle is clearly named. You may want to provide an additional drink if they have a lunch box, as these don't come straight back to the classroom. Free daily fruit is provided, which we encourage the children to eat. Alternatively, you could provide your child with a small, healthy snack for playtime, can we ask that this is equivalent e.g. fruit they like, rather than crisps or chocolate!

Positive Behaviour

We have been sharing our school's Golden Rules with the children and we have been so impressed with their behaviour so far. Barnaby Bear will be looking out for children to come home with as a reward for following the Golden Rules. We hope you have been enjoying sharing your child's successes when they receive a dojo and seeing what they've been up to with our regular posts. Each week there will be Dojo Champions too! 😊

Our Golden Rules

Be ready
Be respectful
Be safe

Humanities:

The children will develop understanding about their own locality by identifying human and physical features and going on a short field trip around Towcester. Further details to follow. They will be using maps, atlases, and globes to identify the UK and its countries. We hope you will enjoy having a visit from Barnaby the travelling bear, when it's your turn. The front of the fluffy diary tells you what to do! In History the children will begin to think about the things that have changed and stayed the same within living memory.

RE:

The children will consider how books can be special and understand how the Bible, and the stories it contains, influence the way Christians lead their lives.

PSHE and Wellbeing:

This term we are focusing on feelings and relationships. We will introduce the concept of growth mindset and 'the power of yet'. We have shown the children how to say 'Stop. I don't like it!' and have been pleased with how effectively this has been used on the playground already.

PE:

The children will need their PE kits in school during term time and we will send them home for a wash in the holidays. Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please note that for all PE lessons, children with long hair must wear it tied back and any jewellery worn (including earrings) must be removed. Please ensure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly named. As we will take the children outside for some of these lessons you may want to send in jogging bottoms and a hoody, preferably black. We have enjoyed running around the field for a daily mile each day, we hope for this to continue when the weather permits.

Forest School

This will be held each week. Mr Bees' class will go on Wednesday afternoons and Miss White's on Thursday afternoons. Children just need to bring wellies to school on that day and we will send them home again after their session, rather than them staying in school. We welcome volunteers into our school community and are eager to have some parents accompany us to the pocket park. A rota will go up on the classroom windows. Please sign up, if you are willing and able to come. Unfortunately, we cannot take younger siblings.

The Arts:

Music

In Music lessons, the pupils will be revisiting fast/slow (tempo); high/low (pitch) and loud/quiet (dynamics) by playing classroom percussion instruments and in their singing. They will be singing new and familiar songs in preparation for Harvest and Christmas.

D&T and Art: Linking with Geography, we will design and create a collaborative 3D model of a town. In Art we are learning about famous artists and their portraits and producing individual self-portraits using oil pastels, for our class gallery.