



Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2020 Year 1

Homework

Reading: Children should read at least four times a week at home, and their reading diaries should be signed by an adult each time they read. Reading will be rewarded as per the Key Stage 1 Rewards Policy.

Phonics: We will revisit all phonics taught in Reception and quickly introduce many more this term. You will be kept up-to-date with taught graphemes by a sticker in the diary. Page 95 of the diary outlines high-frequency words, please practise reading and spelling these also.

Maths: Number (to 20) will be a key focus. Please practise number recognition and formation, counting forwards and backwards; and counting objects reliably. Make maths purposeful and fun in the environment around you, for example: identifying house numbers, counting out correct number of knives and forks etc.

PE Kit: Year 1 will need to come to school in PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and has appropriate wear for indoor and outdoor PE lessons. Children with pierced ears are to remove earrings independently before each PE lesson or arrive at school without them. Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday in addition to Fitness Friday. Fitness Friday uniform is: dark joggers/leggings; team-coloured or white t-shirt; pumps/trainers.

Our topic this term will be...Once Upon a Time...

Following on from our magical launch, we will explore well-known fairytales both in and out of the classroom as we wander through the forest like Red Riding Hood, and discover the dwarfs' house in which Snow White sought safety. We will use the power of retell to enhance our writing skills and story-telling language. We will link themes from the Fairy Tales to other curriculum subjects too. For example we will look scientifically at materials through The Three Little Pigs; and be geographers using map skills for Little Red Riding Hood; and, Pinocchio will enable us to be historians and explore toys from the past. In computing this term, we will sensitively cover Online Safety linking in the witch's many disguises in Snow White, and not forgetting stranger danger – but please be reassured that we will be raising awareness and not scaring the children. And, will Cinderella get to the ball? Only if we make her a cart in DT! We wish to reassure you that this term will build on the transition from their Reception Year and the speed of this transition will be directed by the children.

So far, they have all settled in wonderfully!

You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

- Daily reading **TO** your child (remember to discuss the book and ask questions)
- Supporting your child in becoming more independent in getting organised for school and remembering their homework

For additional information and resources to support your child's learning, please see Google Classroom, our new school website and the home school links diaries.

Please feel free to contact us with any queries and we will try to help wherever possible. We look forward to working alongside you and your child.

Miss Byrne and Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Lomax and Mrs Sherratt