



Year 1 – Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Owls! We hope that you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to Year1. We have an exciting year ahead, starting with learning all about 'Oceans and Continents' during the Autumn Term. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception, meaning they will still have opportunities to learn through play and "doing" will continue to be an important part of the school day.

Topic: Our topic for this term is 'Oceans and Continents'. We will explore the different continents and oceans of the world by exploring a variety of maps and atlases. We will also look at rivers, mountains and landmarks.

Science: Science will be taught by Mrs Thompson on Tuesday afternoons. This term the children will look at 'Every day Materials'. This unit focuses on distinguishing objects from the materials they are made of, identifying common materials like wood, plastic, and metal, and describing their physical properties. Children will compare and group materials, perform simple tests, and use observations to answer questions.

Maths: Our focus this term will be on recognising, reading and writing numbers up to 20. We will be practising our addition and subtraction skills, learn about different 2d shapes and begin to learn our 10 x table.

English: We will have daily phonics lessons and English lessons. In phonics, there will be an emphasis on recognition and correct pronunciation of sounds which will help children with their reading and spelling. Our English work will be linked to our topic. Our first book focus will be The Snail and the Whale but we will also be reading a range of other under the sea themed fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be working on the art of sentence writing; writing on the line with finger spaces, correct letter formation and using capital letters and full stops.

Art: Art will be taught on Fridays by Miss Hayward. This term, the children will be drawing and sketching.

RE: Mr O'Neon will be teaching R.E. to the class in Year 1 on Fridays. The focus will be on Christianity for the first term, looking at the Christian God and what Christians believe that God is like.

PSHE: Mrs Semple will be team teaching PSHE on Fridays and Wednesdays. The first topic is 'All About Me'. Children will be looking at understanding right from wrong.

PE: This term we will be exploring dance. We will explore different movements and moving to a beat.

Homework: Children will be sent home with a reading book. We ask that you read every day with your child and record that you have read in their reading record. Daily reading really does make a difference!

We have grouped the children into four groups; we aim to hear a different group one day a week; therefore, each child will read their school reading book to an adult at school at least once a week, and hopefully more if there is time. Books will be changed on the day that they read to an adult and perhaps more frequently if there is opportunity to do so.

Homework grids will be sent out in a book, with activities linked to this term's topic.

The amount of this that is completed is up to you!

Times table practice is also encouraged!

REMINDERS:

Please label all uniform clearly. Including coats, shoes, hats, gloves...every item of clothing that comes into school please! PE is on a Monday and Friday. Please send your child into school wearing their normal school uniform, with their PE kit in a bag to change into on Mondays.

On Fridays, they may wear their PE kit to school instead of their normal school uniform.

If there are any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Honzik