

YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2

We are now well into the second half term of this year. The children have settled in well and are adjusting to school life. We are so proud of how they have adapted to our new normal. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in establishing these new routines, we really do appreciate it.

This half term we are learning:

This half term our main focuses will be The Gunpowder Plot, the Great Fire of London and of course, Christmas and the Nativity.

The children have been reassessed and put into new Read, Write Inc groups. It may be that they have the same teacher but all children have made progress and we are really pleased with this.

In maths we are focusing on addition and subtraction within 10. We will be exploring a variety of ways to solve these problems, including using the part-part-whole model and using cuisenaire rods (Google for pictures).

In English we are now exploring the book Look Up! Our focus for this half term is for the children to use a capital letter, finger space and full stop. Alongside this, we are encouraging the children to rehearse their sentence before they write it, sound out each word carefully and for a challenge children are extending their sentences and adding adjectives.

Polite Note:

When you are waiting for your children before/ after school please can you ensure that older siblings or children in Year One are not moving the tyres and other items in the playground.

We spend a long time trying to make the outdoor area tidy and usable and it is often left in a mess.

Thank you for your help with this.

Layering up.

As we head towards the winter months it is imperative that the children have lots of layers on as we still need to keep our doors and windows open as much as possible due to COVID regulations. Please could your child come with additional jumpers, fleeces etc.

In addition to this please can all children have a suitable coat for outdoor play, as we are encouraging them to explore our outdoor area as often as possible.

Reading books:

By now most children have a reading book of some kind.

These MUST come to school on a Monday as this is the day we change the books. It makes it very difficult for us to keep up to date if children forget their book wallets on this day.

These wallets need to be in school everyday as we like to try and hear the children read during the week.

Keep an eye out on Tapestry for a new video for activities you can do alongside your child's reading book to support reading.

Please be mindful that we have limited number of books and therefore any books lost mean that we may not have enough for all children in that group.

Thank you again for all of your support this half term. We loved talking to you all during the parent consultations and hearing about how much your children love school, it really does mean a lot to us.