

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our new school year. This curriculum newsletter will give you an outline of what your child will be covering in Class 1 throughout the Autumn term. If you have any artefacts or resources that would help to enhance or support our curriculum then please come and let us know. If you or anyone you know could come in



to talk to the children and share experiences and expertise, then we would love to hear from you.

**ENGLISH** Year 1 and 2 This term in our English lessons the children will begin by exploring the book 'Pumpkin Soup'. We will be focusing on the language within the book and having a go at writing our own story. We will also be focusing on punctuating our sentences correctly and re-reading what we have written to check it makes sense. The children in Year 1 and 2 will have daily phonics, guided reading and handwriting sessions as well as opportunities to apply their reading and writing skills within the continuous provision. In EYFS we will develop our reading and writing skills we will begin by linking letters and sounds through daily phonics sessions. The children will also have lots of opportunities for play based learning where they can use role play and puppets to retell stories. We will also be encouraging mark making within the children's play.



**MATHEMATICS** Our daily maths sessions will include fluency activities where we will explore making links with known facts using different resources to help imbed this information for children. Our focus this term includes place value and ordering and rounding numbers. We will then use the skills that we have learnt to begin to investigate addition and subtraction techniques to solve problems. Throughout our lessons we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of ways. As well as problem solving the children will be developing their ability to draw and explain their reasoning about their answers and solutions. For our Early Years children, we will be developing our counting skills using our fingers, objects, numicon and through counting songs. We will also be learning to recognise numbers and focusing on a different number each week.



**SCIENCE** Our topic this term is seasons and weather. The children will be looking at the seasons and the different types of weather we have during different times of the year. The children will be keeping weather diaries, as well as exploring different types of weather around the world.



**GEOGRAPHY** Our geography learning this term will explore our local area. We will be exploring our school and whereabouts we are situated within the UK and the world. We will be looking at the human and physical features that surround our school and seeing if we can use maps to locate different areas around us.

**ART** Our weekly art lessons will allow the children the opportunity to explore artists from around the world. We hope that the children will enjoy experimenting with a range of tools and equipment to create their own masterpieces. This half-term we will be specifically focusing on online art.



**MUSIC** This half-term the children will be looking at pulse, rhythm and pitch and how to identify these within a piece of music from the hip hop genre. They will also be learning how to rap and enjoying it within its original form. This learning will also involve learning a hip-hop song and performing certain parts of it within the classroom.

**PE** Our PE lessons take place every **FRIDAY** in school. We ask that the children bring their PE kits into school on Monday as we may need to use them throughout the week.



Please could you ensure that your child comes to school with a PE kit (plain white t shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers).

**HOME LEARNING** Home learning will be sent home each **FRIDAY** and should be returned to school on **TUESDAY**. We ask that children in reception share a book every day at home as well as practicing their tricky word flashcards. These will be sent out next Friday. Children in year 1 and 2 will have a maths challenge to complete as well as practicing their reading everyday too. The maths challenges will also start next Friday.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Our Religious Education programme will explore the theme of Creation and explore the key question 'Who made the world?'. We will also be looking in to harvest around the time of the harvest festival and issues that can arise and why we may celebrate harvest.

**TRIP/ VISITORS** We hope to take the children on at least one trip or visit per half term. These opportunities are invaluable and help to enhance and develop the curriculum, bringing our learning to life in 'real' situations. We will inform you through parent letters about these visits with relevant details.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to Mr Billingham about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Hannah in the office. Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Cook and Mr Billingham