



Friday 5th September 2025

Class 1

Autumn 1 half term Newsletter

Well, what a great start to Year 1! Everyone has settled in and I am looking forward to seeing the progress that will take place throughout the year!



Class 1 will be completing the following activities over the course of this half term.

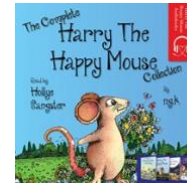


Phonics: Children will be accessing either Phase 2, Phase 3, or Phase 4 Phonics in class and whilst in provision. We will be learning our new tricky words alongside the Year 1 common exception words.



English: Our focus this half term is around Harry the class mouse! We will be looking at nursery rhymes, poems and we will learn and perform a famous nursery rhyme.

We will be exploring our new class novel Harry the Happy Mouse; will we be producing some fantastic writing about mice alongside writing our own story about Harry!



Maths: Our focus this half term is number and place value. We are looking at matching numerals and amounts, as well as exploring ten frames and base ten. We will explore length and mass, alongside addition and subtraction. We will be using lots of games and manipulatives to help us with our learning.

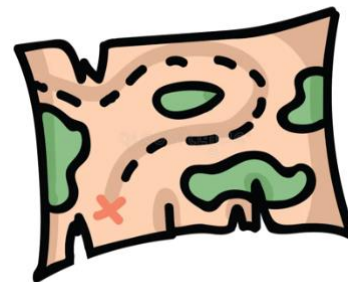
PE: This half term we will be carrying out fundamental movement skills baselines and we will be focusing on catching and bouncing a ball. We will be looking at different ways to catch the ball. We will be taking part in relay races: triangle runs and competitive fours. Alongside a variety of different warm ups that will get our blood pumping!

PE will take place on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** morning this half term.

PSHE: During our PSHE lessons we are going to be exploring families and friendships. Thinking about our own families, how all families are different and identify the different people who can care for us!

Topic: Geography
We will be looking at locating where we live on aerial photograph and recognising features within a local context. We will then create maps using classroom objects before drawing simple maps of our school grounds.

Art: Within Art we will be exploring shading and texture. We will explore the work of Claude Monet, investigating how he added texture into his artwork. We will be using our outdoor space to collect bark and leaves to create our very own Autumn class collage. Alongside exploring different shading techniques to finally produce our own picture of Harry the mouse!





RE: In RE, we will be learning about Christianity and exploring the question "Why do Christians say that God is a 'Father'?" We will be doing lots of fun exciting activities to help us answer the question.

Music: Within music this half term we are focusing on learning and hearing the pulse and rhythm alongside learning the song "Hey You!"

Science:

In Science, we will be exploring the human body and our 5 senses. We will be looking at the different bones within our bodies and we will be helping put a broken skeleton back together!

Lots of exciting investigations and experiments will take place to show how important our 5 senses are!

Within the classroom we have a doctors role play area, set up full of uniforms, medical equipment, and key words. It has been a very popular area within our classroom so far!



Reminders

- PE will take place on **Monday** and **Wednesday** mornings. If your child wears earrings, please remove them before **every** PE lesson.
- School provides fruit each day, alongside the option of toast as a snack. If your child wants to bring a snack to school, it must only be fruit. If you are bringing grapes as a snack or as part of a packed lunch, please ensure the grapes are always cut in half.
- A "meet and greet" session is taking place next Tuesday, 9th September, at 3.30 pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet the Year 1 team, take a look around our classroom, and ask any questions you may have.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school every day with their school bag, reading book, reading record, coat, and a full water bottle filled with **only water**.
- Miss Halstead will not be in class on a Wednesday afternoon, but Miss Burn and Miss Bowker will be teaching in Class 1.
- If you need to contact me please feel free to email me on: class1-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk