



Friday 7th November 2025

Year 1

Autumn 2 Half Term Newsletter

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term and are ready for a fun packed Autumn 2 term!



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



Phonics: Children will be accessing either Phase 3, Phase 4, or Phase 5 Phonics in class and whilst in provision. We will be looking at and learning our new tricky words alongside the Year 1 common exception words.

Reading: Early reading and the application of phonics is so important in Year 1. Please ensure that you read with your child as much as possible throughout the week. We are introducing a reading wall of fame where house points and stickers will be added to the reading chart if children are reading at home twice a week.



English: This half term we will be exploring the book Supertato! We will be making lots of predictions, creating human sentences and solving clues when there is a crime scene in Year 1! Year one have worked hard so far to describe different fruit and vegetables using adjectives and the conjunction "and" alongside tasting different fruit and vegetables. Throughout the unit Year 1 will explore the book further and will innovate the story to make their own version of Supertato!

We will also be learning and exploring how to write a set of instructions. We will create our own set of instructions on how to make jelly and smoothies within DT.

Our grammar focus will be on the correct use of capital letters, full stops, finger spaces alongside making sure our sentences make sense.

I can't wait for the end results and to see the fantastic stories that Year 1 will create!

Maths: This half term we are continuing with our place value skills but exploring patterns and sequences, fractions, mass and volume, money and time. We will be using different practical methods with lots of manipulatives to help us learn our new skills.

PE: This half term we are developing our dance and gymnastic skills! Linking in with our topic of The Great Fire of London we will be creating a "bakers dance" and looking at the way flames move and incorporating them into our routines.

Art: Within art, we are linking our learning with our topic of the Great Fire of London! We will be creating our own shoe box Great Fire of London scene. We will be exploring different art mediums including splatter and blow painting, blending and the use of colour with pastels.

Topic: In topic we are exploring the events of The Great Fire of London. We will be locating London on a map of the United Kingdom, exploring the importance of London being a capital city and its landmarks. Alongside discovering what happened on Pudding Lane in 1666. We might also have a special visit from our local fire department!

DT: Within DT we are exploring different fruits and vegetables, and identifying how they are classed to be either a fruit or vegetable. We will be taste-testing unusual fruits and vegetables and designing and making our own smoothies!

We are also celebrating Black History Month and we are learning about Serena Williams, we will be gathering information about her and her tennis career alongside her fashion career and designs to create our own tennis player outfits!

RE: In RE, we will be learning about Christianity and looking at the Christmas story. Sequencing the events in the story and understanding that Christians believe Jesus was a gift from God.

Science: As we are exploring the Great Fire of London, we will be looking at fire. Focusing on how it starts, and how different materials respond to fire. We will also have a forest school session at the firepit to explore fire further. By the end of our unit, we should be able to answer the question: why did the fire on Pudding Lane spread so quickly?



PSHE: Continuing with our topic of relationships, we will explore:

- what it means to keep something private, including the private parts of our body.
- the importance of asking permission to touch someone and what to do if someone touches you and you don't like it.

Please see the additional information regarding our PSHE learning for this half term, which outlines in more detail the objectives we will be covering.

We will also look at materials further by carrying out material hunts around the school grounds. We will explore the difference between an object, material and its properties.

We will also be carrying out an experiment to decide which material would be best to keep our class teddy dry in the rain!



Reminders

- PE will take place on **Monday** and **Wednesday** mornings. If your child wears **earrings**, please remove them before the PE lesson.
- Please read with your child as much as possible as this supports and improves their phonic and reading knowledge.
- **Please make sure 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, Miss Bowker and Miss Hardman will be teaching in Year 1.
- Homework is given out every Friday, please can all homework folders with the completed homework be back in school for the following Friday so it can be marked and new homework set.
- If you need to contact me please feel free to email me on:
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