



Autumn Term 2016

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you and your child have had a lovely summer and that you are ready for a hardworking and enjoyable year.

Our Topic this term is: All About Me!

This term we are going to be opening our eyes to the wonder that is each and every one of us. Your child can use this creative topic to find out about themselves and others around them.

Federation Day: We will be at Longhorsley with our Walton friends on Friday 7th October for a themed day.



PE: In the first half term we will be combining rugby and multiskills, which will culminate in a festival at the Riverside Leisure Centre. After half term, we will be joined by nationally recognised dance teacher Cheryl Day. She'll help us learn dances linked to our topic in preparation for the Christmas nativity.



Art & Design: We have some exciting art projects to design and make this term. We will be working with clay to create a hanging self-portrait, and using different materials to create emotion masks. Also, in our classroom we have a *Design, Make, Evaluate* area so we can work independently to explore and create our own designs.



Science: In line with our topic we will be learning about our body and using our senses to explore the world around us. Ultimately our knowledge will help us to answer the question: What do humans need to stay fit and healthy?

Weekly Events

Spelling Test: The spelling test will be every Thursday. The children's scores can be found at the back of their homework book. (See spellings on additional sheet). As the term progresses we will be introducing dictation. When the children in year 1 have their test children will begin by writing one dictated sentence, then being tested on the individual words.

Reading Challenge: Children who read 3 times a week will receive a certificate each week. Please can reading records come in every day to help us with this, and please remember to sign and date the book each time your child reads. At the end of each half term they will be rewarded with a prize.

Homework: The weekly homework task will be given out every Friday. It needs to be brought back to school by the following Thursday. In our classroom we have a homework tray so the children can hand in their books whenever they would like to. If there are any problems, please don't worry, just pop a note in their reading record or come in and see us.

Fred and his Special Book: This year Fred will come to visit you for a weekend (or two!). Please take good care of him! Enjoy!



Computing: With our friends from 'Hector's World' we will be thinking about how to use technology safely and respectfully. Then, we will be using technology to take photos for manipulating.



RE: We will be thinking about the things that make our world wonderful while studying different religious creation stories.

Geography: As part of our topic we will be thinking about where we live including the country, town and street. We will be using atlases and computer software to identify and explore different areas.