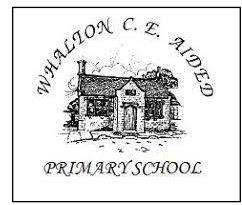




Autumn Term 2019

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Our topic this term is 'Me in My World'

Welcome back to the start of our new school year. Hopefully the summer break has been full of fun and relaxation, and everybody is refreshed for the start of term. We are pleased to once again be linking with our old friends from PAWS who now join us in Reception. A busy term is ahead of us.

PE:

We look forward to having a new sports coach join us over the year. Miss Alderslade will be taking us for Multi-skills for the first part of the year, before we join with our friends from other schools in our annual Multi-skills festival. During the second half we will be extending our learning of Dance with our specialist teacher Miss Cheryl Day and prepare for our Christmas performances.

Reminder: Your child will need to keep their PE kit in school (unless otherwise informed) School PE kit is required to be black shorts with a plain white top. Long tracksuit trousers with school hoodie or jumper. Swimming kit will be needed for Wednesdays as per last year.

Art and Design:

We will have many opportunities to create with a variety of mediums to develop skills within the different aspects of Art – drawing/ painting/ printing/ 3D models etc. The children will be encouraged to talk about and plan their ideas, along with revisiting their work to make improvements.

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test: You will have already been given the spelling list for the term. Each week your child will be tested on the spellings for that particular week. Currently the spelling test within school is planned to take place each Friday. Please be aware that the day might need to be altered once the term gets underway. The first spelling test will be on **Friday 6th September**.

Reading Challenge: This is a way of monitoring the children's reading. To help your children progress in their reading skills, there is an expectation that they will read at least 3 times at home, during the week. The children, who are successful at completing this challenge, will receive a certificate at the end of each half term. It is therefore important that, every time your child reads at home, it is written in their reading record book, otherwise it is presumed that they have not read. Please help your child with this – even if it is just a date and signature.

Homework: There will be a weekly homework task set in addition to your child's spellings and reading. This will vary and be linked to what your child is learning in class. If there are any problems with the homework please don't hesitate to come in and have a word or write your query in their reading record. Homework will be set on Tuesdays and due back in the following Mondays (- unless otherwise stated)

Geography:

Our Geography considers the seasons and weather of our environment. We will also be looking at our country as a whole and beginning to name the four countries which make up the United Kingdom as well as learning the names of some key towns and cities within our country.

RE:

Over the term we will be considering the themes of:

- Harvest and The Creation Story – 'Who will care for our world?'
- The story of Jonah
- Christmas - 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

Science:

Our key learning over the year will link into areas of 'Seasonal Changes', 'Everyday Materials' and 'Plants and Animals including Humans'. During the autumn term we will consider the season of autumn through observations of the changes which take place in our environment; building on our work in Reception. We continue to keep a watch on the weather; finding ways to record what we experience. We will be using our senses to explore different types of materials and begin to be able to identify and talk about how these materials are similar or different. We will also be identifying, naming and labelling the different parts of the human body as well as identifying and naming some of our common plants including trees.