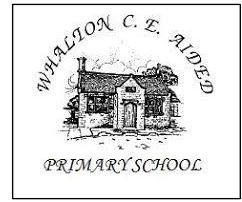




Autumn Term 2018

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Our topic this term is 'All about Me!'

We have the joy of welcoming on the first Monday of the term the author, Adam Bushnell. He is taking our theme of 'All about me' to inspire us in our literacy. We are looking forward to continuing our learning back in our 'school' classroom; enjoying all the changes which have been made both inside and out.

PE:

We look forward to having our Rugby coach return to help us further develop our skills in the sport. We will have the opportunity to 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 Cheryl Day and prepare for our Christmas performance.

Reminder: full indoor and outdoor school sports kit is needed in school every week. It can be kept on your child's peg and will be sent home ½ termly for a wash.

School PE kit is required to be black shorts with a plain white top.

Swimming kit will be needed for Wednesday.

Art and Design:

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

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test: The list of spellings your child will need to learn for each week's spelling test were within the information pack given out at our 'New to Mrs Potter's class' meeting. Please let me know if you require a new list. Currently the spelling test within school is planned to take place each Thursday. **WARNING!** Please be aware that the day might need to be altered once the term gets underway. The first spelling test will be on **Thursday 13th 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.

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.

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, as well as keeping a watch on the weather. 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.