

Year 1 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2019

Hello everyone! Welcome to the beginning of your journey through year 1! We hope that you and your children have found the first week or so an easy transition! We have all certainly enjoyed having the children in school and can already see some very positive learning attitudes.

The team this year will be Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Cura, Mrs Rogers and Mrs. Angus. If you have any questions at any point then please don't hesitate to come and find one of us.

Please ensure that all your children's things are labelled correctly. We have a 'Jumper Dumper' in the classroom and encourage children to put all their jumpers/cardigans in here. There is a wide selection of after school activity clubs happening at POW this term! If you are interested in any of them please book on at the school office.

Things to Remember...

- Healthy Snacks - We are a healthy school and we will be persistent in our push for children to bring in a healthy snack/lunch to school. Fruit is always freely available to all children at break time.
- We have a 48 hour policy for sickness.
- Please inform us if your child is absent from school and bring in any letters for appointments.
- Please continually check your child's book bag for letters/books/certificates. Letters will be coming home on a Wednesday.

Dates

- Marwell Zoo Trip - Tuesday 24th September
- Farming Fortnight - Monday 30th September- Friday 11th October
- Harvest Festival - Friday 11th October
- Parents evenings - Tuesday & Wednesday 22nd/23rd October
- Inset day - Monday 4th November
- Year 1 class assembly - Friday 29th November
- Technology day - Friday 13th December
- Christmas Performances - Wednesday & Thursday 18th/19th December

Kits

PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with Mr Treble. This half term we will be covering the 7 fundamental movement skills.

Whilst Forest School will not take place in year 1 we will be having regular 'Welly Walks' in school. Please can we ask that you ensure your child has got some wet clothes as well as a pair of wellies in school.

Home learning

The home learning project for this half term is outlined in the knowledge organisers and these will continue through the year for each topic. Please remember that these are not compulsory but we do encourage all children to see them as a useful link between learning in school and learning at home.

The home learning wallets by the door will continue to be updated regularly on top of the home learning projects set out in the Knowledge organisers, so please check these

for activity sheets.

Spelling & Handwriting

Spellings will begin in year 1 on a weekly basis. These will begin in a few weeks time and continue throughout the year. They will come home on a Wednesday with the test being the following week. It really does make such a difference with a couple of practices through the week and it begins to build children's understanding of alternate spellings.

As the year goes on we will be focusing a portion of our attention to getting all children's handwriting ready for the next stage of learning - cursive writing. Activities in morning tubs will reflect this more and I will share some of the strategies and tools we use in school to help children in this area.

Learning

This half term our topic will be 'Zoos'! We have already begun this and will be using fiction and non-fiction texts to support language development and descriptive language in our writing also! Of course, we couldn't cover a topic of Zoos without actually going to a zoo! So we are off to Marwell in a couple of weeks. Please come and see us if you have any questions regarding this.

Next half term our topic will be 'Climate' alongside the traditional topic of Christmas! Lots more information will be shared as we go along!

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Chris Gibson
Year 1 Class Teacher