

Giffard Park Primary School



Year 1 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and have enjoyed a well-earned rest! We are looking forward to an exciting autumn term in Year 1.

Dates for your diary

Foundation Full Time- Monday 28th September

Half Term – Friday 23rd October – Friday 30th October

Back to School – Monday 2nd November

Topic

This term we will be learning all about ourselves. In Art we will be creating portraits and self-portraits, exploring the work of famous artists, and looking at how artists present their work using different frames. In Science we will be learning about our bodies, naming body parts, and learning about our senses. We will investigate how our different senses work. In RE we will explore the Christian faith looking at symbols and listening to some simple Bible stories. Our English unit starts with a focus on 'Here We Are', by Oliver Jeffers. We will spend time learning about community, belonging, and how to look after our planet. We will then focus on key texts including 'Peace At Last', 'Knuffle Bunny', and the children's classic 'The Tiger Who came to Tea'. In mathematics we will focus on place value to 10, ensuring children can compare models, count fluently, identify amounts in a group, and represent numbers in different ways. We will then move on to addition and subtraction within this range.

PE

Donaldson- Friday

Rosen- Tuesday and Friday

Carle- Tuesday and Friday

In order for the children to get the most out of their learning time, we would like the children to come to school in their PE kits for their PE lessons. They can stay in their PE kit all day so they will not need to bring any clothes to get changed in to.

Homework in Year One

The children will be bringing home a new homework book. They will have either a maths homework task or an English homework task to complete each week. These will come home on a Wednesday and will be due in on a Monday.

Reading

At school, children are given the opportunity to develop their reading skills through one-to-one reading, shared reading and guided reading groups, as well as their daily phonics sessions. Daily reading at home will significantly complement the work done at school. Also, don't forget about the 'reading raffle'. Listen to your child read every night for a week and sign it in the reading record for a chance to win an exciting book!

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