

YEAR 1 AUTUMN TERM LETTER

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the start of the new school year. We already have lots of exciting activities and lessons planned for the children. Please find below information about the term ahead.

Our year 1 team is:

- 1A - Mrs Khan (Teacher & Year 1 Lead), Mrs Bateman (Teacher-Thurs/Fri), Mrs Basanayake (LSA), Mrs Wells (SSA)
- 1B - Miss King (Teacher), Miss Smith (LSA mornings), Mrs Webb (LSA afternoons)
- 1C - Miss Breslin (Teacher), Ms Leighton (LSA)
- Miss Ingram (KS1 Assistant Head Teacher)



	Mrs Khan		Mrs Bateman		Mrs B		Mrs Wells		Miss King
	Miss Smith		Mrs Webb		Miss Breslin		Ms Leighton		Miss Ingram

Learning planned for this term

English – We will be using [The Enormous Turnip](#), [How to make bread](#), [Nobot the Robot](#) and [invitations](#) as our core texts for the first term. We will be learning to write lists, labels, captions and stories. We will be learning to write sentences using capital letters, phonics, fingers spaces and full stops.

- ✓ There are lots of great free e:books for children to enjoy at www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Phonics – We have phonics every day. Phonics during the Autumn term will be in classes rather than in groups. We will let you know once sets start up again.

- ✓ There are some great free phonics games at www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Maths – We will be teaching the 5 strands, one per day, each week. We will be looking at learning number and counting skills to add, subtract, order numbers, count groups of objects, number sequences and reading and writing numbers. Please practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and then learn them as times tables.

- ✓ There are lots of maths games to be explored at www.topmarks.co.uk

Science – In our [Everyday Materials](#) topic we will be learning about distinguishing between an object and the material from which it is made, identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials, describing the simple physical properties materials. In our [seasonal changes](#) topic we will be learning about what the four different seasons are and the part of the year that they fall into.

- ✓ You could also have a materials hunt around your house and make a picture of the different seasons.

Topic – [Great fire of London](#) and [Guy Fawkes](#). These lessons include Geography, History, Art and D&T.

- ✓ You can find out lots of super information about the Great Fire of London here www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/ and www.topmarks.co.uk have lots of games and activities relating to the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London.

RE – Out topics are [what makes something special to me?](#) and [what makes some places special in religion?](#)

PSHE – Our topics are [new beginnings](#) and [becoming better learners](#)

Computing – Our topics are [we are treasure hunters](#) and [we are collectors](#).

PE & Games – Our topics are [invasion games](#), [net and wall games](#), [gym](#) and [dance](#).

Music – [Duration](#).



PE: (important changes for the Autumn Term)

Year 1 PE will be every **MONDAY**. Children **MUST** come to school on a Monday in their PE kit and not in their normal school uniform. This is part of the current government guidelines for schools. Our school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts / joggers and a jumper. Children **MUST** have appropriate trainers / plimsolls. PE will be outside as much as possible. We will let you know when things return to normal.



Home learning:

Your child will be bringing home a jigsaw puzzle of Home learning. Each week pick an activity of the jigsaw and complete in your home learning book, it is your choice how to present their learning in the book. This is due in on the following Tuesday.



Absence:

While we hope that your child is never absent from school, if they are then please ensure that you send a letter, telephone the school or speak to the class teacher. Please also make sure that all of your contact details are up to date so that we can contact you if your child is unwell.



Handwriting:

We would like you to practice number and letter formation weekly with your child. It is important that their letters and numbers are formed correctly. There is a sheet in their home school books (fish book) to help you; we are working on joined up cursive writing at school during the summer term ready for when your child is in year 2.



Reading: (important changes for the Autumn Term)

Our reading books have been carefully chosen to engage children in reading as well as matching their reading ability. If books are misplaced, lost or damaged there will be a small charge of £5 per book to cover the cost of replacing it. We hope that you love the books as much as we do. Your child will get two reading books:

- Love of Reading Book – changed once a week
- RWI Book Bag Book – changed when your child's class teacher feels they are ready to. They could have a book for more than a week, this is to ensure that children have a good understanding of the sounds in each book.

Your child reads daily at school so please make sure they have their reading book every day. They will benefit more if heard regularly at home. **Please read with your child as often as possible and record it in their fish book.**



Bug Club:

This is a great website to support your child with their reading. There are options for children to be read to or to read themselves. It is packed with lots of books matched to your child's reading ability. Please use on a regular basis to support your child's progress. If you need additional books adding please let us know. Login details are stuck in your child's fish book.



Bug Club

Drinks: (important changes for the Autumn Term)

Please ensure that your child brings in a bottle of water to school for the classroom, we will not be able to give them cups of water in class. Children will be keeping their water bottles on their desk until further notice.



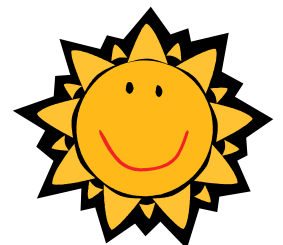
Golden Rules:

Everyone is expected to follow our Golden Values. These are as follows:

Our Golden Values

We show respect by:

- Being honest
- Being kind, helpful and gentle
- Looking after property
- Listening
- Doing our best



Letters will be sent home with further information closer to the time regarding the flu vaccine, trips, Christmas production and the fabulous finish.

We hope that your child enjoys this new chapter of their learning journey. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Mrs Khan & Mrs Bateman (1A)

Miss King (1B)

Miss Breslin (1C)