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Autumn 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians, Hello and welcome to Year One!! I hope you have all enjoyed the 6 week break, and are now ready to share your child's journey in Year One. I have already met many of you at the school gate or at the meeting at the end of the last academic year and am looking forward to meeting more of you as the year progresses. I am excited to be a part of creating a memorable school experience for your children, one which I hope they will enjoy!

I hope this newsletter will give you a brief overview of your child's first term in Year One and answer some of the queries you may have.

Staffing We are very lucky to have Mrs Boughey as our Teaching Assistant this year who the children are already familiar with. Mrs Boughey will be with the class every morning, as well as Friday afternoons. On a Thursday afternoon Mrs Marshall will be taking the class during my PPA time. Mrs Marshall will supervise their PE session and deliver ICT/ Music throughout the year.

Maths During the autumn term we will start by looking at Number and Place Value. The children will be ordering numbers up to 20, finding 1 more and 1 less than and will be introduced to the $<$, $>$ and $=$ symbols to compare numbers. The children will then be building on their understanding of addition and subtraction up to 20 and beyond. Children will also look deeper into shape and measure. Using standard units of measure and 3D shapes. They will explore the use of both standard and non-standard units of measure for length, weight and capacity.

English

During the first term there will be a strong focus on initial punctuation and grammar, including capital letter, full stops and finger spaces. Throughout the year the class will look at a variety of books and videos which they will discuss and explore. In the first term we will be reading the text, 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen, Little Red riding hood and Peace at last by Jill Murphy. The children will become familiar with the structure of the story and develop their comprehension skills by making predictions. In addition to this, spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be an important part of the English lessons in Year One.



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Science Our first topic in Science is 'Animals, including humans'. The children will identify and name the main parts of the human body. They will find out about the five senses and the body parts that are responsible for them. The children will use their own senses to compare different textures, sounds and smells. The children will also be learning to identify and name different animals, including: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will compare their structures looking at the similarities and differences between them. They will find out which animals are carnivores, omnivores and herbivores, understanding what this means and then they will group animals according to what they eat.

PE PE lessons will take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons. A PE teacher from Shiplake college will deliver the PE session on Thursday. Friday's session will take place at the Memorial Field, where they will be doing Tag rugby. If you would like to help with any of the PE sessions, then please sign up on the rota outside the classroom. Your help is gratefully received! Please ensure that their PE kit is in school at all times. PE kit can be ordered at reception or on our website.

Reading books Reading is a very important part of Year 1; therefore, we encourage you to support your child's progress by reading with them daily. This should include sharing a variety of books, looking at the pictures, text and punctuation together and modelling the use of expression when reading.

Reading books will be changed by Mrs Boughey or me on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The yellow reading records provided should be brought into school daily and will be used as a way of communicating your child's progression. Please write a note about how your child has read; their understanding or any difficulties they may have had. It is important that they are used by you to record when you have read with your child so that we change their books accordingly.

Spellings Children will be provided with a list of 8 words each week. They should practise these words at home by reading them through and copying them out, they should discuss what the words mean and try to use them in sentences. The children will also practise these words in school through different activities. The test will take place on Friday of every week.

Homework I will set the children one piece of homework each week that is linked to the learning that has taken place in class to consolidate what they have done. The children will be given their homework on a Thursday and it is due back on the following Monday. It is important for your child's learning that this piece of work is completed however children should spend a maximum of 20 – 25 minutes on it only. When completing the homework please use a pencil.

Children will also be provided with 'grid homework' for the term which has different activities which are linked to all the areas of learning that they are doing in the classroom. They are varying in length and children may complete as many as they wish throughout the term. When completed it should be brought into class so that we can show the class!



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