



# Year 1 Newsletter



## Autumn 1—2023/2024

### Notices and reminders

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and to see them start the year in such a positive way.

Our PE day for this half-term is **Wednesday**.

If you do have any questions or concerns, however small, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day or email the office to arrange a meeting.

### Key dates

#### Autumn 1

Thursday 5th October 2023—school census day (Fun Fair lunch menu)

Monday 9th October 2023—harvest assembly

Tuesday 17th October 2023—parents' evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Thursday 19th October 2023—parents' evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Friday 20th October 2023—end of half term

#### Autumn 2

Monday 30th October 2023—start of half term

Monday 30th October 2023—individual photographs (Ladybirds, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Wednesday 1st November 2023—individual photographs (Butterflies)

Tuesday 14th November 2023—flu immunisations (unless opted out)

Thursday 7th December 2023—Little Red Riding Hood pantomime

Friday 15th December 2023—end of term (1:10pm collection)

### Phonics

This term we are revising the phase 5 sounds: <ay>, <ou>, <ie>, <ea>, <oy>, <ir>, <ue>, <aw>, <wh>, <ph>, <ew>, <oe>



### Writing

In writing this term we will be using 'Talk for Writing'. We will work on a two-weekly cycle, learning the story or text in week 1 and writing the story or text in week 2.

We will be looking at the following texts: The Three Little Pigs, Pig Fact File and Supertato.



### Maths

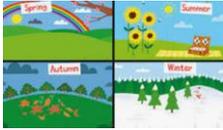
This term, we will learn to count forwards and backwards, as well as sorting and grouping objects. We will also learn how to find one more and one less of a given number to ten.

We will finish the term by learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



## Science

This half term, the children will be learning about the weather and the seasons. They will talk about and compare weather using terms such as cloudy, sunny, hot and will learn that there are four seasons and that each season has its own weather pattern and temperature.



## Geography

Our big question this half term is 'Where do we live?'. We will be looking at maps and begin to understand how to locate and describe physical and human features. The children will also know how to use directional language to describe the location of a feature on a map.



## Art

Our art focus for this half term is drawing. The children learn what a drawing is and will explore the use of tone and texture using a variety of different materials. We will then use these new skills to create observational drawings of natural objects.



## PE

We will learn about how exercise changes how our bodies feel and what to do if we feel hot or out of breath. As the children develop their sense of space, they will learn to master the underarm and overarm throw. They will learn to catch by forming a nest shape with their hands. We then move onto kicking a stationary ball towards a target and passing it to a partner in different ways.



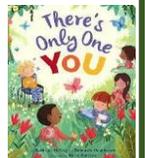
## RE

This half term, the children will be learning about places of worship and the definition of religion. They will be finding out about a church, a mosque and a synagogue in more detail. They will be using their 5 senses to describe what it is like inside each of these buildings.



## PSHE

This half term we will be learning some key words to help us understand what is the same and different about each other. We will explore what our likes, dislikes and strengths are and how these make us all unique. We will also look at our peers and how we are similar and different to them.



## Homework

Thank you for all of your support with helping your child to read at home. Please make sure that they read their decodable book at least four times a week. The decodable book and sharing book need to be brought back into school every Friday.



## Suggested books for reading

