

## Year 1 - Autumn Term



Dear Parents,

Welcome to all Year One children and parents. I am looking forward to getting to know and teach your children. I will be covering the following topics during the autumn term.

### English

In addition to shared and guided reading sessions, we will be looking at different story settings and ways of telling them. The children will continue to write simple sentences and re-read them to ensure they make sense. The children will begin to write simple stories themselves. We will be looking at sentence construction and continuing to write letters with a 'flick' to ease their transition to 'joined up' writing.

### Maths

As well as ongoing number work the children will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children will name and sort 2D shapes according to their properties and investigate a general statement about familiar shapes by finding examples to satisfy it. They will begin to understand how to measure using non-standard measures. Towards the end of the term we will be working towards telling the time, recognising o'clock and half past.

The children will begin to learn to recognise coins of different value and begin to add coins together.

### Science

Our science work will focus on 'Ourselves'. The children will learn about their senses and how they can use them to explore the world around them. They will learn that humans and other animals move and grow. We will consider how to treat

each other and other living things with care and sensitivity. Later in the term the children will learn about 'Sorting and using Materials'. The children will learn that every material has many properties which can be recognised using our senses and described using appropriate vocabulary. The children will be encouraged to ask questions and explore different materials and objects using appropriate senses, making observations and communicating these.

### History

In History, we will be looking at the differences between homes today and homes in the past. This will include looking at different types of houses which relates to the geography topic on our local area. The children will also look at the different types of rooms in the home and their purpose. This topic will include looking at items from the home and how they have changed over the years.

### Geography

We will be exploring some features of our local area. This will include our school, road signs and markings, parking and safety issues. The children will learn their own address and understand the significance of each line of their address. They will complete a survey on how each member of the class travels to school and will represent the various types of travel on a simple graph. The children will draw some conclusions from their findings.

### Art

We will be looking at how to draw and paint a self-portrait. We will talk about images of children in drawings, paintings and photographs and artists' self-portraits in order to develop ideas about how they will portray themselves. We will use a

variety of materials and learn how to mix and use colour in a painting.

### D.T

In D.T. we will be looking at 'moving pictures'. The children will look at the different mechanisms which can be used to make a picture move. The children will create their own moving picture selecting the appropriate mechanism to make it move.

### PE

Children will develop their basic game playing skills, particularly throwing and catching. They will play games based on net games and striking and fielding games. They will learn to use skills, tactics and strategies to outwit the opposition. Gymnastic activities will concentrate on the development of travelling skills.

### ICT

The children will learn to use ICT to record ideas, developing their keyboard skills. They will also use a range of programmes to further develop their knowledge of our Science and Numeracy topics.

### PHSE

PHSE work will concentrate on 'Knowing Me' and the children will learn about taking responsibility, making decisions, emotional literacy and children will consider their personal strengths and weaknesses. Later in the term we will focus on 'Staying Healthy' and children will learn about healthy eating, exercise, growing up, hygiene and safety.

