

Year 1 Autumn Term Learning



English:

As well as revising set 1 and 2 speed sounds, we will begin our learning of the set 3 speed sounds from the Ruth Miskin synthetic phonics scheme. Children will be taught to recognise the sounds and use them in their writing. We will also be blending and segmenting to read and spell two-syllable words, as well as challenging ourselves on longer words too. *The Gruffalo* will be our focus text and stimulus for our weekly writing. During writing sessions, children will be learning how to compose and write narratives by building coherent sentences, whilst using accurate basic punctuation and capital letters. They will also be encouraged to use a range of vocabulary in their descriptions of characters and settings.

Maths:

Our learning in maths will begin with a focus on number recognition and counting using practical objects such as dienes. The children will progress with their knowledge of number recognition and will begin to compare numbers using appropriate mathematical language and symbols. We will also be working on recognising and writing numbers to 30. The children will be able to identify the next or previous number up to 30.

Topic:

Our topic will be 'Seasons'. Children will be learning about the seasons, which months are in them and the characteristics of each. They will learn what season their birthday is in, along with the type of weather to expect. The children will also start Geography, where they will begin by learning the four countries of the United Kingdom. They will then begin to look at maps in more detail and start to identify other countries and seas, along with their flags.

Other information:

PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday each week. Children will need to arrive in the correct sports kit in school every Wednesday and go home in their kit every Friday. Warmer clothes are strongly advisable as PE will almost always take place outside. Please see the videos on the school website for details about pickup and drop-off arrangements.

What to bring to school

- Children will need to bring a book bag to school everyday, along with their reading book, reading record and keywords.
- To ensure the children keep well hydrated throughout the day, please send them in with a bottle of water (not squash).
- The children will be spending a lot of time outside come rain or shine. Please send a coat as you never know when a shower will surprise us!
- Please ensure every item that comes to school has a name label.

How can I help:

Reading with your child is of huge benefit. **Little and often is the best way.** Please see the 'Reading at Home' section of the website for some useful tips. Please record any reading done at home in your child's reading record and send this to school in their book bag everyday. Children will also be coming home with set 2 and 3 sounds we have learnt, so please reinforce these at home through playing games such as snap, bingo and word hunt. The children will also be learning new keywords, which are high frequency words that need to be learnt by sight. To help children recognise larger numbers, point out numerals in everyday life such as price tags, door numbers and bus numbers.

Useful websites:

- <http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase1Menu.htm>
- <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk>