



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer break. I am so excited to be back at school and to be working in Year 1. It is such a wonderful year group!

I will be sharing more information with you throughout the term, but here you will find an overview of the curriculum subjects. We have lots of exciting topics to cover.

I appreciate that there may be some nerves from both parents and children coming into a new year group. If you do have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either in person or through Class Dojo.

I never under estimate the privilege that it is having so much time with your children and the responsibility that goes with that. I am so looking forward to developing our little Team Hebbs in Year 1.

Kind Regards
Mrs Hebbs

Year 1 Teacher

As writers we will be...

continuing to develop our phonics and use these skills to write short stories and poems. We will focus on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will start to edit our work by reading out loud what we have written. This writing work will build on the phonics already covered in Early Years. We will be using the book 'Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We will start to send home some basic spellings to practise weekly.

It would be appreciated if you could support with any writing opportunities at home, so children see the value and purpose of writing in the real world, whilst getting in as much practice as possible.



As theologians we will be...

exploring the religion of Christianity, looking at how God wants Christians to look after the world. This links in beautifully with our weekly Forest School session which will take place each Monday afternoon.



As readers we will be...

continuing to use the Little Wandle scheme for daily phonics and reading. Children will in due course be sent home with a reading book. We will regularly share books at school and through visits to the school library and Wollaton Library, children will be able to have opportunities to read for pleasure.



As historians we will be...

exploring the topic of 'The Gunpowder Plot'. This is an exciting topic which fits in so well with the time of year when Bonfire Night is celebrated. It will help children to place events on timeline, building on the timeline work that children did in Early Years.



As musicians we will be...

recognising, following and creating simple rhythms. Children will build on the rhythm skills which they already have established.



As mathematicians we will be...

focusing on place value initially before visiting addition and subtraction. A sound knowledge of place value will prepare the children for Year 2 and Key Stage 2. At home, regular counting in daily life will reinforce the teaching at school.



As sportspeople we will be...

developing the skills of running, jumping and throwing, looking at our coordination. PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays - please ensure suitable warm PE kit is in school.



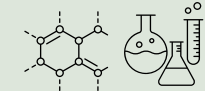
As linguists we will be...

continuing to develop our speaking and listening skills. We will create rich opportunities for children to talk and listen for a variety of purposes.



As scientists we will be...

studying the topic of 'Materials'. We will look at properties of materials and be able to categorise them. We will then move on to exploring our senses. This builds on the exploration work that children have done in Early Years, being able to categorise, identify similarities and differences and reach conclusions.



As IT specialists we will be...

starting with E safety. We will then move onto basic keyboard skills. E safety is a topic which is visited in each year group and so will give children a solid foundation for the years ahead.



As designers we will be...

following a Cooking and Nutrition topic, where we will create our own fruit and vegetable smoothie! Children have looked at healthy eating in Early Years and the topic is interweaved throughout each year group, in order for children to grow up making healthy choices.



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