



Year 1 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the break and a warm welcome back. Here is an overview of what we will be studying this term.

English

To start the term in English, we will be reading Dogger, this is a story with a familiar setting. The children will be learning the plot points in the story and learn to write their own lost story using their favourite toy. As part of our English we will be learning how to make our writing more interesting by using a variety of different words including effective adjectives, noun phrases (e.g. the little duck) and higher-level vocabulary (e.g. isolated).

Maths

This term the maths curriculum will cover Number and Place Value to 20, Addition and Subtraction, Geometry and Position. This is a really important unit as number and place value provides the foundations of the children's mathematical knowledge and will continue to be applied across the rest of the school year.

Science

This term, we will be studying the topic 'Plants' this topic helps us understand how the seasons affect plants. We will approach this with a key question: Do all trees lose their leaves in winter? We shall also be exploring Everyday Materials. This topic helps us to develop a deeper understanding of materials and their properties and how we use them for specific purposes. This will support our work in History.

History

Our topic this term is 'Toys through the Ages.' This topic introduces the historical concepts: similarity, difference, old & new, then and now and change through time. The children will be introduced to different toys and will learn how to sort them in a variety of ways. They will learn to identify old from new toys and give reasons for their opinion using evidence. This will culminate in the children setting up of a Toy Museum to which you will be invited to – how exciting!

Reminders

PE will be Thursday (Gymnastics) and Friday (Dance) afternoons, please ensure that the children have their PE kits on these days. Forest School will be starting on Wednesday 9th November; please provide waterproof clothing and boots as the children will be exploring Firbeck Academy grounds.

We would really like the children to read at home every day (either independently or to an adult). We strongly encourage the children to read at home every day (either independently or to an adult). Please ensure that the children bring their reading books and reading diaries to school every day so that we can monitor their reading and celebrate the children who have read 5 times a week. The adults at school can also read with them and note this in their diaries.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to send me a message on Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ward

Class 1 Teacher