

# Year 1's Newsletter

## September 2019



### English

The main focus for this half term is space. We will be exploring a fantastic alien story called 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will encourage children to explore this high quality picture book, engage with illustrations and develop creative responses to the text through drama, poetry, storytelling and artwork.

The children will be given the opportunity to develop their grammar and vocabulary through an approach called Colourful Semantics.

Our author is the term is Julia Donaldson and we will also be looking at some of her wonderful books.

Please share lots of stories at home and encourage your child to write for different purposes.

### Science

Year 1's topic this half term is Seasons.

The children will be learning about the changes that happen during the autumn season. The children will play in the puddles, touch leaves and do some writing and drawing to accompany their experience.

We will also be linking our science unit 'Body parts and senses' to our 'Autumn' topic. The topic 'Seasons' will run throughout the year.

Our **R.E. Focus** for this term is belonging to a 'Christian family'. During this unit, they will look at what Jesus taught and how the church welcomes children into its families.

### How you can help your child:

**Reading together:** Please listen to your child read their reading books and sight words every night and discuss with them what has been read.

**Please also sign reading logs for your child to receive a reading token.**

**Online:** Every child has a *Reading Eggs* account and a *Purple Mash* account. Please encourage your child to go on these websites and develop their computing and reading skills. Their logins are stuck in their reading logs.

**Homework** Please practice with your child every night counting from 1-100 in 2's, 5's and 10's as well as using their phonics mat.

**Reading day:** Children **must** arrive at **8:50am** on their reading day.

### Maths

This half term we will be working on Place Value within 10. They will learn to:

- sort and count objects
- represent objects
- count, read and write forwards from any number 0-10
- count, read and writing backwards from any number 0-10
- count one more and one less
- one to one correspondence to start to compare groups
- compare groups using language such as equal, more, greater, less and fewer
- use a number line

### Dates

**PE days: Monday and Friday.** Please make sure they have white t-shirts and black shorts/leggings and pumps in school ready for their lesson.

**Class Assembly:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer break and excited for the new school year.

I am really looking forward to working with all the children and making excellent memories together.

The purpose of this letter is to enable you to support your child in developing their knowledge and understanding and also understand what is happening through this half term.

We have an exciting term ahead of us with lots of fun learning.

The classroom will be set up similar to Reception as the children will have lots of jobs to choose around the classroom but they will also work with a teacher/teaching assistant to complete their work. First thing every morning the children will come in and complete a task. Please drop your child off and allow them to become independent. It is important that you and your child arrive on time.

There will also be phonics lessons daily which are important to help your child read fluently and with ease.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me at the end of the day to arrange an appointment. Alternatively please send me an email [k.lawden@crowcroftpark.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:k.lawden@crowcroftpark.manchester.sch.uk)

Kind regards,  
Miss Lawden