

Autumn Newsletter

Year 1



I hope that you and your family have had a wonderful break over the summer holidays and that the children are ready for an exciting first term in Year 1. The children have settled so well in Year 1 and impress us with their adaptability and work ethic everyday. I know they will continue to amaze us as we continue to learn new and exciting things!

The Year 1 Team is:

Miss Pearson - Class Teacher. Mrs Clifford - Teaching Assistant.

Miss Juntunen will be teaching on Friday afternoons.

Our aim is to ensure that the children continue to experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1, especially after a disruption of the school being closed for a period of the children's Reception year. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception and the curriculum has a heavy focus on the development of skills. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day. The children will then gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

Reading books ~ Your child has been given a reading record and a reading book based on the sounds which they have covered in their phonics lessons each week. In the reading record, there is space to record comments about how your child has read, including words which they might have struggled with. They should be able to read the book independently sounding out unfamiliar words. Books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please aim to listen to your child read as often as possible.

PE Days ~ Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child always has their full PE kit in school, as we may change the day due to the weather. Can you also make sure their PE kit includes their names. It is much easier to return if anything is lost or misplaced.

Drinks ~ Please can your child bring in a named bottle filled with water each day. Fresh fruit is provided daily but children are free to bring in their own fruit snack if they wish.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any concerns or queries about your child's education on r.pearson@holy-family.lancs.sch.uk

Miss Pearson and the Year 1 Team.

