

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1 at Kidgate Academy! We hope you had a lovely and restful summer. We wanted to share some information about what Year 1 looks like in the Autumn term.

PE Day: Friday. Your child is now allowed to come into school wearing their PE kit and stay in it all day. For information about the PE uniform, please visit the school's website.

Reading: Reading folders should be brought into school every day, as we aim to provide regular opportunities for reading. We kindly ask that children read at home at least three times a week, and that this is recorded by an adult in their reading record. In addition to the RWI phonics books your child brings home, which are decodable and linked to the book they've been reading in lessons, they will also have a Reading for Pleasure book. These are books that may not be decodable and that your child has chosen independently for you to share with them. These should be returned to school every Friday to be changed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ryan and Miss Lowther

English

This term, we will be concentrating on the fundamentals of writing. This will include how we hold a pencil and sit at our table, correct letter formation and making sure our letters sit on the line. We will also be learning to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing.

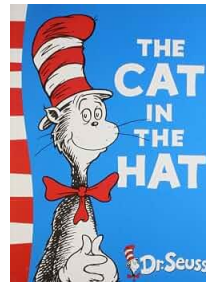
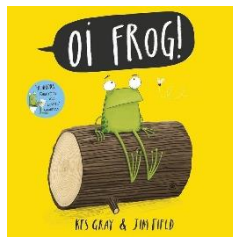
To do this, we will be using the core texts: Oi Frog, The Cat in the Hat, Funnybones, Lost and Found, Words Can Fly and Wonderful Winter (poetry).

Phonics lessons will continue daily, where we will progress to learning all the graphemes, not only helping us to read, but also with our writing.



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Maths

In Autumn term in maths, we will start with place value within 10 where we will cover the very basics of number. The children will be introduced to new mathematical vocabulary as well as number lines. After this, we will move on to addition and subtraction of numbers within 10. The children will then be able to use their place value knowledge to become more confident at adding and subtracting. They will be using part-whole models to begin understanding number sentences and will be introduced to fact families.

Science

Our first topic this term in science is seasons, where we have started to learn all about the seasons, including the weather and what happens to the trees across the year. The second topic will be about the human body and what its five senses are.

Art/DT

We start the autumn term with art, where we will be discovering how to make our mark by creating different types of lines whilst using lots of different media. We will also learn the basics of observational drawing. Later in Autumn, our DT topic will be windmills. We will learn how turbines and axles work, which will help us with planning, designing and making our own windmills.

PSHE

We will be using the Story Book Project in PSHE across Year 1. The texts this term are Peace at Last and Morris the Mankiest Monster. These cover the importance of sleep and relaxation, hygiene and looking after ourselves.

Geography and History

We start the autumn term with geography, where we will be learning about where in the world, we are. We will learn all about our school and look at some basic maps, using important directional language.

In history later in the term, we will be looking back on our own history. We will be introduced to timelines, and we will make one of our own lives.

RE

This term, we will be learning about how some stories can be special to people. We will be looking at stories across religions and how some people learn from them to live their lives.

Music

In music in Autumn, we will be introduced to the new concepts of dynamics and the pulse. We will be creating soundscapes using different instruments and body percussion.

PE

This term in PE, we will be developing some fundamental movement skills such as our agility, balance and coordination. Each week we will learn through lots of different activities which will help confidence in PE lessons as the children develop.

Computing

The children will be introduced to early concepts of computer programming. They will learn how to use Bee-Bot floor robots, using directional language to command and plan routes for the robots to go.