Year 1 Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

English
Reading
This half term in reading, we are going to be reading "Stick Man" and "The Christmas Story".

Writing
In writing, we will be writing a letter to Mr Brown, recounting our forest school experience this half term. We will also be writing a retell of the nativity story to go and tell the story to our friends in FS1 and FS2.

Outdoor Shoes
To ensure all children can engage fully in our playtime provision, we ask that old, sturdy trainers and a pair of football/walking/thick socks are brought into school in a plastic bag. These shoes will be used for Forest School and field games such as football. Ideally, we ask that these are left in school Mon-Fri.

Science
Our science topic this term is 'Animals including humans' and 'Seasonal change'. We will be learning all about different animals and the structure and classification of groups of animals according to their structures. We will also learn the language herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.

Reading
Class Novels
This half term we will be reading lots of different books about school.

Reading Books and BoomReader!
All children will take one or two books home that support the phonics learning taking place in class and the level that they are working at. Some children will also receive a share together book; these books contain words that cannot be decoded using phonics knowledge but they are great to support vocabulary development. Please share these books with your child.

All books should come into school and back home each day to maximise reading opportunities. Children have a vocabulary book which is kept in school and tricky words are added to and recapped to ensure understanding of words.

Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on Boom Reader in order for children to earn maximum gems! Problem words/new vocabulary can be added on go read.

Contacting Us
If you need to talk to Miss Collier or Mrs Matthews please do not hesitate to send us an email. Our class email address is
year1@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

As we teach full time, it may take up to 5 days for us to reply. If you need to pass on a message in an emergency, please contact the school office.

If you need to update contact details, allergy/medical information etc you can email the school office.
The school office email is
office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Sometimes families need a little extra support with things such as housing, employment, emotional well-being and parenting. Our Engagement and Inclusion team are here to help, including signposting families to services outside of school. Should you need it the team's email is
EandI@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

History
In History, we will be learning about changes that have occurred since the children were born. This includes changes within themselves and their own lives. Also changes in national life such as the Covid 19 pandemic and Queen Elizabeth dying in 2022.
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P.E and Forest School
P.E and Forest School is on a Wednesday for Year 1. Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor kit on a Wednesday and bring their wellies in a named plastic carrier bag if the weather is bad.

PSHE
Our Heart Smart topic is 'Too much selfie isn't healthy'. The children will be thinking about others as well as themselves and making sure we also consider how our actions might affect others around us.

Religious Education
In R.E. we will be learning about what it was like when Jesus was alive and comparing it to the present day.
We will then move on to learning about Christmas and learning about why this is such an important time in the Christian calendar.

Maths
In maths this term we are looking at addition and subtraction. The children will be using part whole models and 10 frames to help them to add and subtract numbers using resources and pictures. We are continuing to work on our arithmetic skills by knowing number bonds to 10 and doubles within 20.