

Oulton C.E. First School

Hand in hand learning together because every child matters to us

What are we doing in Class One this half term?

Autumn 1

- We had a wonderful week this week welcoming our new Reception children into school. We look forward to inviting our Ladybirds into school next week!
- **PE begins next week and is on a Wednesday.** Children are to come in to school wearing their school uniform as normal. In Early Years it is an important part of their learning to practise dressing and undressing. Therefore, all children will need to have a **named PE kit** which can be left on their pegs. This will be sent home every half term for washing.
- Please can we ask that **all items of clothing** are named so that we can match items to children at the end of the day.
- Every morning children are offered a free piece of fruit to have as a morning snack after milk. As the fruit delivered to school can vary each day, your child may wish to bring in a piece of their favourite fruit to have at morning playtime if they only like one piece of fruit in particular.
- School lunches - the lunchtime menus can be found on our website: [https://www.oulton.staffs.sch.uk/user\\_uploads/files/Spring%20Summer%202024%20menu.pdf](https://www.oulton.staffs.sch.uk/user_uploads/files/Spring%20Summer%202024%20menu.pdf) We ask that you please look at these to check what your child would like each day. If there is nothing that appeals to them, please ensure they bring a healthy packed lunch.
- **Children will need wellies (named)** please which are to be left in school. We love to go out in all weathers, so it is essential that your child has wellies in school at all times due to our garden area getting wet and muddy in the bad weather.
- **Ladybirds** will visit the school library on a **Monday** and will bring their chosen book home with them in their library bags. Please can these be sent in with your child **every Monday**.
- **Reception library day is on a Thursday.** Please can Reception bring their library bags and books in with them **every Thursday**.
- In school we promote a rich reading environment, and this is to be continued at home. Once your child receives a reading book you can begin to read with them at home and then complete their reading record. Your child will then receive a stamp for each day they read, and they will then receive rewards.

**50 stamps - Bronze certificate and a badge**

**100 stamps - Silver certificate and a bookmark**

**150 stamps - Gold certificate and a pencil**

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## Friendship Forgiveness Trust Thankfulness Koinonia

**200 stamps and upwards receive a raffle ticket for the chance of winning a prize at the end of the year.**

- Over the next few weeks we will be getting to know your child and assessing them on what they already know. This will form our baseline assessment. We also have to complete the statutory reception baseline assessment (RBA).

Below we have put a brief summary of what your child will be learning this half term:

*Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Our topic this half term is 'Self-regulation: My feelings.' We will be learning about our emotions and feelings whilst linking our learning to the story 'Colour Monster.'
*Communication and Language *Literacy	Over the next half term in Literacy the children will be learning about the story 'Peace at Last.' We will be practising name writing and also beginning daily phonics sessions in the next few weeks.
*Mathematics	Ladybirds will be learning about more than, fewer than and the same, They will also be exploring shapes this half term.  Reception will be learning about matching, sorting and comparing. We will also be learning about pattern and measure this half term.
*Understanding the world	Our topic this half term is "Who am I, and where do I belong?" We will be learning about ourselves, body parts, our senses, and our families. <b>Please can all children bring in a family photo next week.</b> If you do not have a photo printed, these can be emailed to <a href="mailto:class1@oulton.staffs.sch.uk">class1@oulton.staffs.sch.uk</a>
*Physical development	Ladybirds will be having PE sessions with Mrs Hooley on a Wednesday morning and Reception will be having PE sessions with Mrs Melling on a Wednesday afternoon.
*Expressive arts and design	In our creative sessions we will be linking artwork and crafts to our topic, for example painting self-portraits.
*RE	Our topic this half term is called "Why is the word God so important to Christians?" We will also be learning about Harvest.

### Diary Dates:

*Diary dates will be sent out with the whole school newsletter at the end of this week. However, as mentioned in our meet the teacher evening in July, we are holding a phonics information evening for parents on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 6-7pm**. This is a very informative evening explaining how our phonics teaching and learning works in school. We would love to see as many parents as possible.*

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation,  
Mrs Hitchin, Mrs Melling and Mrs Hooley

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