



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn 2024

### Year 1

**Reading:** Phonics reading books are changed fortnightly to allow children to explore all of the reading roles and to develop fluency. A minimum four home reads per week need recording into the home-school diaries.

Boost online reading books are assigned weekly (except during assessment weeks) and are targeted to the week's taught sounds.

**Phonics:** The week's taught phonics and common exception words will be notified in the home-school links diaries. Children can identify and note down words found through their reading or environments that contain the taught sounds and practise creative ways to remember how to read and write the tricky words.

**Maths:** Please focus on counting forwards and backwards from any given number within 20. Look around the environment for numbers and make them part of everyday language.

**Homework:** Reading (phonics books and Boost online books); maths fluency.

**PE Kit:** Year 1 will need to come to school in their PE kit every Tuesday and Friday.

We have an exciting Autumn term ahead packed full with all things Once Upon a Time. Our **English** texts will be familiar fairy tales and provide lots of drama, speaking and listening, and writing opportunities. In **geography**, we will investigate maps: from fictional maps to maps of our local area. In **history**, we will answer enquiry questions about toys from the past. Our **science** learning this term will investigate the human body and materials. In **maths** we will use concrete, pictorial and abstract methods to explore numbers to 10 in place value and addition and subtraction.

**Key Dates: (more on diary dates)**

**14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October** Parents Evenings.

**26<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November** Half Term

**15<sup>th</sup> November** Children in Need Day

**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas performance

**18<sup>th</sup> December** Stafford Gatehouse pantomime

**You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:**

Daily reading practise with your child (remember to incorporate a range of reading roles)

Phonics practise

Practise number bonds, doubles and halves

Supporting your child to become more independent in getting organised for school and remembering their belongings.

For additional information and resources to support your child's learning, please see our school website and the home school links diaries.

Please feel free to contact us with any queries and we will try to help wherever possible. We look forward to working alongside you and your child.

**Mrs Daniels, Mrs Lomax**

**Mrs Sherratt, Mrs Hubbard**