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Year 1 – Newsletter

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**RE**

Our first topic is all about how God created the world and we will think about our favourite things. We will discover what people of Hindu faith believe about how God made the world. We will then learn about Harvest, where we will learn how people celebrate the Harvest Festival. We will think about where our food comes from and how God has blessed us with a wide variety of different foods. This will lead us to look at the Jewish festival of Sukkot and what we can learn from the way Jewish people celebrate their Harvest.The children will learn about Christmas and why we give and receive gifts. We will listen to the Nativity Story and learn how Jesus was the most special gift from God.

**English**

We will be using the story Bog Baby and Lost and Found. We are focussing on sentence formation and structure. The children will be encouraged to say their sentence first to ensure it makes sense. We will be using our phonics to read sentences to inspire our writing. The children will secure their knowledge of capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and question marks. This will result in part of the story being retold.

Phonics will be taught daily and weaved into every lesson. Handwriting will be practiced daily and remains to be an important part of the literacy lesson.

**Maths**

This term we will be focusing on reading, writing and counting numbers to 10 and beyond. The children will be counting both forwards and backwards and learning 1 more and 1 less than any given number. We will be sorting and counting objects and learning how to explain our mathematical thinking. Each week, we will be using a variety of resources to solve problems and challenge ourselves. We will then move on to addition and subtraction and secure our knowledge of number bonds. The children will revisit 2D shapes and recognise and sort 3D shapes. Please find their Numbots log in and passwords in their reading records.

**ICT**

Children will be complete the unit Internet Safety where we learn how to log on and use Purple Mash safely and purposefully. We will then look at pictograms and group and sort objects. They will explore this resource in class and they are able to access the activities and games from home. Please find their log on details in the back of their reading record books.

**Phonics/Spellings**

Children will have daily phonics sessions where we will revise previously learnt sounds and learn new sounds to further our reading and writing. Children will learn new spelling rules each week along with tricky words and they will be expected to transfer these when reading and writing independently.

**PE**

The children will take part in PE on a Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will need to bring their full PE kits on a Tuesday and we will send it home on a Thursday. Our first sessions are Yogi and games. After half term, the children will complete a dance topic and learn fundamental skills in throwing, catching, running and jumping.

**Ideas to help your child at home**

Please continue to check our school website for up to date events, dates and newsletters.

Blue reading bags need to be brought in on Tuesdays and Thursdays so books can be changed. Please listen to your child read for at least 10minutes each day and then sign and add any comments you have in the reading records. Reading is how you can help your child the most to develop their phonics, writing and broaden their interests.

The Year 1 class webpage has lots of ideas and activities to further support your child at home and photos of all the fun, learning and adventures we get up to! I put weekly spellings on the website so that you can practice these at home. These are matched to the phonics sounds from that week.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that earrings are not allowed during school time and any hair bobbles or head bands must fit with our school colours and not be too large or fancy.

If you can help with any aspect of our exciting curriculum then please let me know!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher – Mrs Grimshaw!

**Adventurous Afternoons**

Our topic the first half term is based around our text Bog Baby.

In this topic we will be learning about different animals, including humans. We will be investigating a range of animals, looking at their features and sorting and grouping. We will be looking at a variety of art skills as we focus on mark making and line and creating observational drawings.

After half term our learning will be based on the text Lost and Found.

In this topic we will be looking at seasonal changes and comparing weather patterns to other areas of the world. The children will investigate where penguins live and why they can’t live near to the equator. We will be using paint and mixed media to create a variety of images related to our topic.

Our class charity is Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary and we will be planning and leading lots of fundraising events to help this local charity. If you have any links, ideas or want to get involved with this please let me know.