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September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 1,

Welcome to the Autumn Term

We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term. Our topic for the first half of term will be 'Down in the woods' and for the second half of term it will be Wonderful Windsor and castles.

Reading

Over the course of this term in reading the children will be covering the following objectives:

- I can read a story with my teacher
- I know what lists, labels and captions are
- I can read a poem and identify where the writer talks about the senses
- I can show I understand what has been read to me
- I can identify fiction and non-fiction

This will be done through guided reading sessions at school and reading homework.

The children will have the opportunity to change their reading books each day. Please read with your child 5 times a week and sign the reading diary so we can see that your child is reading at home.

Writing

In writing throughout all subjects, it is expected that the children will always use a pencil to write with, use capital letters and full stops correctly and write using the cursive script.

In our writing lessons we will be covering the following objectives:

- I can write sentences using full stops correctly
- I can write sentences using capital letters at the beginning correctly
- I can write a caption
- I can write a poem
- I can use adjectives to describe a character
- I can write a story with a beginning, middle and end
- I can write a recount
- I can form the digits 0-9 correctly

You can help at home by supporting your child to practise their cursive handwriting and giving them lots of opportunities to write- writing birthday cards, shopping lists etc. It is important that you encourage your child to be as independent as possible when writing, sounding out words themselves.



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Mathematics

In our maths lessons we will be covering the following objectives:

- I can count up to 100
- I can put all the numbers from 0 to 20, and beyond, in the right order
- I understand that numbers stay the same even if objects are moved around
- I understand what one more and one less means when counting in ones
- I know my number bonds for the number 10
- I can add one-digit numbers to 20
- I can subtract one-digit numbers to 20
- I know the doubles of all numbers to at least 10
- I can recognise and name common 2D shapes
- I can describe 2D shapes
- I can solve one step problems that involve addition and subtraction
- I can describe position direction
- I know the value of notes and coins

You can help at home by playing games such as snakes and ladders and giving them opportunities to count, measure and weight. They could help you weigh ingredients to make a yummy cake!

Science

In our Science we will be looking at our senses and bodies for the first half term. In the second half term we will look at materials and look at the different properties of materials. We will also be exploring the seasons starting with autumn and winter. We will keep a weather diary and think about which weather we see the most during this season and why that might be.

Computing

This term the children will be developing essential mouse and keyboard skills. We will be making sure we can logon correctly and will be exploring purple mash.

We will be looking at instructions and will be following instructions using 'lego builders.'

History and Geography

Our Geography topic this half term will be our local area. We will be thinking about the town we live in and creating our own maps. In History we will be looking at castles and will be focusing on Windsor castle.

Art and Design Technology

The children will be colour mixing to create their own forests. They will be producing observational drawing and paintings, using water colours. They will make 3D castles or houses and will be using clay to design and make their own owl.



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Music

We follow a music program on Charanga. The first half term will focus on learning a song called 'Hey you' the children will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and learn how to rap. The second half term will focus on two songs 'Rhythm in the walk we walk' (Reggae style) and 'Banana rap' (hip hop style.)

Physical Education

The children will have two PE sessions a week. This half term their PE days will be on a Wednesday and a Friday.

Please make sure your child has their labelled PE kit in school ready.

We expect children to be able to undress and dress themselves independently.

RE

The children will be exploring the story of creation and they will be considering what the world means to them and how they can help to look after it. They will also learn about the Nativity story and they will be consider what gifts they might have given to the baby Jesus.

PSHE

We will be looking at two topics this term 'Being me in the World' and 'Celebrating difference'. We will think about what makes us individual and special and what similarities and differences we have in the class with our friends.

Please support your child with their home learning and remember that learning should be meaningful and fun.

Homework will be sent out after the children have had a couple weeks to settle into Year 1. It will come home on a Friday and should be handed back in on a Wednesday. If you are experiencing difficulties with homework please do let us know.

Your child will also receive weekly spellings to learn and will be tested each Friday.

They also have star spellings words to learn each half term.

We will, as always be keeping in touch through our Class News.

If you would like to contact me then please feel free to email me: h.horth@tssfirst.co.uk

Kind regards,

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