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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 our local area 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 monster phonic books will change every Monday and your child will also get to choose a free choice book on a Monday. 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.

We will be following the 'Ready, Steady, Write' scheme.

During the Autumn term we will be covering:

- The story Old Bear. Finding story sentences and message sentences
- The story Rapunzel. Traditional tale sentences and instruction sentences

You can help at home by supporting your child to practise their cursive handwriting and giving them lots of opportunities to write, for example 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. At this age we expect children to write using their phonic knowledge and be able to spell some high frequency words correctly.



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Mathematics

We follow the White Rose Maths scheme.

During the autumn term we will be covering the following:

- Place value (within 10)
- Addition and subtraction (within 10)
- Geometry- Shape

You can help at home by playing games such as snakes and ladders and giving then 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 seasonal changes, thinking about how trees change and how the weather changes. We will then be looking at materials, making sure we can name them and investigating to find if materials are absorbent or waterproof.

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 the following objectives

- To use paint tools to draw a picture.
- To create a jigsaw using a digital device and share it so that others can play.
- To create a placing game in 2DIY.
- To create images and use these to make a game

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

They will be producing observational drawing and paintings, using water colours. We will also be using different materials for collaging and creating our home using junk modelling. In DT we will be making celebration cards.

Music

We follow Kapow music and will begin with the unit 'Keeping the pulse.' We will be finding the pulse, tap in time with the pulse and sing a rhythm in time with the pulse. We will then look at the



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unit 'Tempo.' In this unit we will focus on demonstrating slow and fast with our bodies and voices and perform with an instrument.

Physical Education

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

Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days .

RE

This term we are going to be learning about Christianity with two enquiry questions.

- What do Christians believe about God?
- What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?

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.

Home Learning

- Each Monday your child will come home with a Monster phonic book and a free choice book. Please keep both books in your child's book bag so we can read with them at school. Please write in their diary when you have read with your child.
- Your child will come home with a homework book. We are going to check homework books on a Monday and put new homework in so please make sure they come into school on a Monday. The homework will be to focus on words each week and practice number bonds.

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

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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