

Year One Newsletter

September /October 2018

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have all had a good summer and are ready for the routine of school again. I hope that we can all work together to ensure that your child has a productive and enjoyable term. Thank you for all your help and support.

Morning Routine: Please bring your child into the Orchard Area, help them choose their lunch for the day and then say goodbye and leave them to have a good day. Please encourage them to come into the classroom independently and sort book bags and coats on their own, to leave space for adults to help the younger Reception children. Thank you.

Afternoon Routine: The children will continue to be dismissed from the classroom and into the Orchard Area, at 3.20 pm, when we see the adult collecting them. Please be patient, as safety of all children is important. If someone different is collecting your child please let the school know. Thank you.

Topic: The topic for this term will be **Busy Bodies and Marvellous Me**. It will be a science and PHSE based topic involving work on ourselves, what makes me special, and friendships. There will also be a strong focus on fine motor skills including pencil skills and handwriting.

English: The children will be looking at a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Reading is an essential skill and this will be reflected in the curriculum this term. The children will continue to read individually to an adult in school, as part of a group during the weekly guided reading sessions and will share texts as a class. They will be encouraged to expect texts to make sense and to go back and check where this is not the case. Their **phonic skills** will be increased through the reinforcement of letter sounds, blends, letter clusters, vowel digraphs, rhyming words and plurals. The children will also be developing their **writing skills** through a variety of topics and activities and will focus on ensuring all letters are formed correctly.

Mathematics: The children will continue to develop their skills and understanding through a range of activities and tasks. They will be counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers. There will be an emphasis on developing oral and mental skills, including recall of addition and subtraction facts within 10, counting forwards and backwards. They will be encouraged to apply their knowledge to solve simple problems and investigations, as well as explaining the method they used.

Please support your child by listening to your child read at home most nights.



Home School Books: The children will all have a home/school book where we will share areas of learning for the week or give a couple of ideas for supporting at home. Please support the development of your child by trying some of the activities. If you require any further information or clarification, please ask.

Activities to try:

Sharing and discussing stories and books, including non-fiction and poems.

Writing birthday cards, shopping lists, diaries or anything that interests them.

Cooking: Following recipes, counting, measuring and weighing items.

Playing games together. (I spy, Kim's Game, board games)

Computer based games: try sites like Top marks (www.topmarks.co.uk) or Phonics Play (www.phonicsplay.co.uk)



Water Bottles: The children are encouraged to have drinks of **water** throughout the day. Please supply your child with a **plastic bottle** with their name on, to be stored in the orchard. Please can you ensure that the bottle is filled and cleaned regularly.

Physical Development: will take place on Tuesday afternoons and will be delivered by On-side Coaching. Please remember that they need to come dressed in jogging bottoms, school PE T-shirt and school jumpers on a Tuesday.

Diary dates are available on the school website and weekly newsletters.