

Term 1 - Autumn

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and would like to take this opportunity to welcome your children to Year 1. Now that everyone has settled back in, we would like to share with you some information about what your children will be focusing on and thinking about in school this half term.

Topic

This half term in Year 1, the children will be completing work on science, art and R.E. We will be looking at the human body and seasons in science, exploring use of colour and lines in Art through the artist Joan Miro, and in R.E. our topic is 'What do Christians believe God is like?'

Maths

This half term in Year 1, the focus in our maths lessons will mainly be on strengthening our understanding of numbers. We will develop at our number formation, compare numbers, find one more and one less than given numbers, and begin to think about greater than, less than and equal to statements in relation to numbers to 20.

English

In our English sessions we will be working hard on our letter formation and recapping how to write simple sentences. We will focus on sitting at a table and holding a pencil correctly, and ensuring we use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing.

Reading

Reading in Year 1 will continue to be incorporated into our Read Write Inc lessons.

The children will read daily to continue to develop their fluency and speed of reading and will bring their book home on a Friday to read with an adult at home.

Please read with your child at home as often as possible each week, sharing your comments with us in your child's reading record which will be sent home next week.

Collective Worship

This half term is 'Ordinary Time' in the church calendar. In Collective Worship we will be focusing on our school rules and values. We will also be ensuring that children are familiar with our school parable 'The wise and the foolish builder'. We will be celebrating Harvest alongside our collective worship sessions with a visit to St. Helen's church on Tuesday 6th October - we hope you can join us.

Other Important Information

The children will be going outside each day at playtime and lunch time so please could you ensure that your child is wearing **appropriate clothing** and footwear to school **every day**.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be **returned** to school no later than **Wednesday** of the following week. It will consist of:

- Weekly spellings - tested the following Friday.
- Maths quiz online via White Rose Maths Infinity log in.
- Reading - Reading books will be sent home every Friday. The expectation is that your child will be heard reading at home by an adult or older sibling, at least once a week.

Our PE days for this year are:

Monday	Tuesday
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Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days, *please remember children must not wear earrings or any other jewellery on PE days due to health and safety reasons.*

This half term **1JT** will be doing **Forest School** (further information about days to follow). Children will need suitable footwear (or to bring wellies) and outdoor clothing including a coat.

If you have any questions or you would like to contact a member of the Year 1 team for any reason our email address is: contactyear1@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk

Thank you for your support

Mrs Spitzkowski, Mrs Tahir and Miss Woodhead.