Term 2 - Autumn

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful half term we have had!

We would like to start our newsletter by thanking you for the positive feedback we received from you during our parent consultations. We are all settled into YR1 routines and are excited to see what next term brings.

The children have worked hard over the last few weeks, and we are pleased to confirm that they have all settled into Year One brilliantly. With next term approaching fast it is a good time to share more information about what your children will be focusing on over the next few weeks.

Topic

Next half term in Year 1, the children will be completing work in science, history, computers studies and R.E. We will be looking at materials and seasonal change in science. In history we will be learning about toys from the past, and in our Religion and World Beliefs lessons our topic is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians'.

Maths

This half term, the focus in our maths lessons will continue to be on strengthening our understanding of numbers. We will develop at our number formation, think about simple addition and subtraction, and estimate, order and compare numbers within 20. We will learn more about shape as we recognise, name and order 2D and 3D shapes.

English

In our English sessions we will continue to work on our letter formation as we start to build more complex sentences. We will be focusing on the use of capital letters for the personal pronoun I, the names of people, places, and the days of the week. Will also be making sure we have finger spaces and full stops in or writing.

Reading

Reading will continue to be incorporated into our daily Read Write Inc lessons. The children will continue to practise their sounds and read daily 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.

Collective Worship

This half term we move through 'Ordinary Time' to 'Advent' in the church calendar. We will learn more about Remembrance, Diwali and in our Collective Worship. We will also visit to St. Helen's church alongside our collective worship lessons for our Christmas celebration on Tuesday 14th December.

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**.

Next term Year 1 will hold our parent workshops on the following dates:

1JT Wednesday 25th November from 1.45 until 3pm

1JS Wednesday 2nd December from 1.45 until 3pm

1CLW Wednesday 9th December from 1.45 until 3pm

Homework Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be **returned** to school no later than **Wednesday** of each week.

- Weekly spellings covering the common exception words for each year group. Year 1 will have 5 spellings. These will be sent home on a Friday and tested the following Friday.
- •Maths quiz online via White Rose Maths Infinity log in.
- •Reading books will be sent home every Friday. The minimum expectation is that your child will be heard read at home by an adult or older sibling, at least once a week.

Our PE days are:

1JS & 1JT	Mondays and Tuesdays
1CLW	Mondays and Wednesdays

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 1JS will be doing Forest School on Tuesdays. Children will need suitable footwear (or 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 our email address is: contactyear1@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Spitzkowski, Miss Woodhead and Mrs Tahir