



Autumn Term 1 in Year 1



School Uniform

All children should wear the correct school uniform and school shoes. If they are not, the class teacher will mention to parents at the end of the day.

No jewellery is permitted other than stud earrings on non-PE days. Watches are permitted in Key Stage 2; analogue is better for supporting children to tell the time, but digital is also permitted.

Shoulder-length hair – or longer – needs to be tied back with a hairband.

PE Ready Days

Your child's PE lessons will be on **Friday**. Please make sure they come to school PE ready, wearing the correct kit. Details about the school's PE kit can be found on our website.

Homework

The children will be sent home with a list of home learning activities (optional) linked to this term's topic, Memory Box. They will also be bringing home a list of the Year 1 Common Exception Words to practise at home.

In addition, children should read for at least 20 minutes at home every day.

Any completed work can be brought into school and shared with the Class and Class Teacher.

How to help your child at home

Check your child has a quiet place to complete their homework.

Please listen to your child read and ask questions about what they have read. Sign the reading record every time you read with your child.

Practise spelling the Year 1 common Exception Words, these will be sent home this week with your child.

Practise counting and ordering numbers to 20.

Take an active interest in what they are learning in school and if possible, share your knowledge about the topic with your child.

Play board games, dice games, word games.

Enjoy the outdoors together.

English and Phonics

This term we will be focusing on handwriting as well as beginning to write simple sentences, using full stops and capital letters.

The children will be writing about their early memories and their favourite toys and foods. We will also listen to a range of texts based around favourite toys.

In Phonics, we will be revisiting the phase 3 phonemes. The children will also begin to read and write some of the Year 1 Common Exception words.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on numbers, shape and patterns. Over the course of this term the children will practise representing numbers and comparing and exploring numbers up to 20. As part of this they will start to use known facts to add and subtract.

The children will recap one more and one less and learn how to double and halve a number up to 20.

Children will also begin to identify, describe and sort a wide range of 2D and 3D shapes; and they will also be exploring positional language.

Topic: Memory Box



Can you remember being small? Being a baby and learning to crawl? Do you recall a favourite toy, maybe a teddy bear or a favourite book? This term we will be thinking about our special memories. The children will be learning all about the past by looking at photographs and objects from past times, including birthdays, weddings and christenings.

In Science we will be learning about our bodies, how they grow and change over time. We will also be exploring our senses.

This term the children will be making a special box, a memory box, to keep special things safe. In years to come, you can revisit them and remember how you looked when you were young. Memories are special. Let's make some more!

PE

This term our main focus will be athletics. The children will be continuously developing their fundamental movement skills to progress and excel in all events.

They will also be using sport specific techniques to achieve great results, both as individuals and in a team.

RE

The children will be learning about the Christian understanding of God as the Holy Trinity - God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Our **BIG** question is:
What do Christians believe God is like?

Music

This term the children will be focusing on rhythm and pulse with Mr Darrock. They will be using the Djembe set and interpreting both written and aural symbols to create percussion ensembles in the Western African Style.

Drama

This term the children will be having fun working on our Christmas Nativity - The Magical Jigsaw. Lessons will be spent learning lines, songs and movements in preparation for an exciting performance to you at the end of next term.

RHE

This term the children will be thinking about what makes them unique. They will discuss their likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses.

Did you know ...

All memories are linked to senses. Smell is a powerful memory trigger and can link us back to our early memories.