



# Year 1 Newsletter - September 2022

*Belonging, Respect, Responsibility*



Our topic this half-term is: **"Blast off!"**

In **Literacy**, we are using texts, which focus on developing the children's key literacy skills. We will be using 'Man on the moon: a day in the life of Bob, The Darkest Dark and Curiosity: the story of a mars rover as a stimulus for drama and writing.

In **Mathematics**, we are focussing on place-value, reading, writing, counting, representing numbers, comparing and ordering numbers to 10/20.

In **Science**, we will be using our senses to explore the signs of autumn and discussing different materials.

In **PE**, our focus is gymnastics and we will be using balance and movement to form routines. In outdoor PE we are developing our Multi-skills; balancing, throwing and co-ordination.

In **History**, we will be looking at the lunar landing when Neil Armstrong landed on the moon and comparing this to Tim Peake.

In **DT**, we are going to design and build a rocket ship and space vehicle for Bob, the man on the moon.

In **ICT**, we are learning about Internet safety and how to log on to Purple mash (more information to follow).

**Our focus value will be belonging and our learning characters, Team Ant and Kind Koala.**



## How you can help your child at home:

We encourage you to speak to any member of the team to share your celebrations and concerns. If you need to speak to the teachers we are happy to meet you, but you will need to arrange this via the school office.

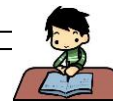
**Reading:** Share books with your child, using the weekly focus in their diaries. Please sign their diaries to show what reading they have been doing, we enjoy reading your comments and responding to them.

**Spelling/Phonics:** Keep practising all of the Floppy phonic sounds learnt so far as we will initially be revisiting them and then moving on to the next set of sounds.

**Maths:** Please help your child to practise writing the numbers 0 to 10 then extend to 20, and counting groups of objects using household items beyond 20.

**We will send you weekly updates about what we are focussing on each week via Tapestry.**

**We are very impressed with how well the children have settled into Year 1. Thank you for all your support!**



## Dates for your diary

September  
**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
4.30pm Welcome BBQ  
**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
Bank Holiday for Queen's Funeral  
**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
Outdoor Learning Day  
**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
9.00am McMillan Coffee Morning  
October  
**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
INSET Day – School Closed



## PE Days

PE days are Tuesday (outdoor) & Thursday (indoor).

On **Tuesdays** the children **need** to come dressed for outdoor PE in leggings/tracksuit trousers & trainers, with school uniform on top.

Please save any recyclable materials!  
We would love it if you could bring in any for the children to be creative with.

## Polite reminder

The children should not be playing on the climbing frame before school.

## Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.

## Uniform

Please ensure your child has all uniform named to help it get found if lost.

## Watch the weather!

Please ensure that children have coats in school as the weather is starting to change.

## Library day

Thursday

## Outdoor Learning Day

Year 1 will be having an outdoor learning day on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Please can your child wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies with a coat suitable for the weather. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.



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