



# Year 1 Newsletter - Autumn 2

*Belonging, Respect, Responsibility*

Our topic this half-term is: "Once upon a time..."

In **Literacy**, we are using texts, which focus on developing the children's key literacy skills. We will be using 'The Leaf Thief, Jack and the beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood and The Crayons Christmas' as a stimulus for drama and writing.



In **Mathematics**, we will be focussing on multiplication and division: counting in 2's, sharing equally and finding half. Geometry: recognising and naming 2D shapes and applying finding half to the shapes. Place value: ordering, finding one more/less and representing numbers in tens and ones. Addition and subtraction: number facts to 10.

In **Science**, we will be looking at the different categories of animal and what they need to be able to survive.

In **PE**, our focus is rhythmic gymnastics where we will learn different ribbon movements, linking them to form routines. In outdoor PE we will be focussing on cricket, learning key skills and how to play it from a coach.

In **History**, we will be considering how granny celebrated bonfire night compared to us now.

In **ICT**, we will be learning how to program using the Beebots.

In **Geography**, we will focus on the different weathers focussing on what the weather is like in Alverstone in November

In **Art**, we will learn about colour mixing and how to create 3D clay sculptures.

In **RE**, we will consider the idea of waiting by exploring advent and the Christmas celebration.



## Dates for your diary

**Anti-bullying week**  
14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November

**School Picture Day**  
14<sup>th</sup> November

**Flu Immunisation**  
17<sup>th</sup> November

**Children in Need**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**Pantomime**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Jumper Day and Decoration day (Parents to be invited in for the afternoon – more details to follow)**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Performances**  
13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> – more details to follow

**Christmas Holidays**  
19<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

### Water Bottle

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

### Watch the weather!

Please ensure that children have coats in school as it is getting colder.

### Polite reminder

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

### Uniform

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

### Please save any recyclable materials!

We would love it if you could bring in any for the children to be creative with.

### Library day

Thursday

### PE Days

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

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



### Outdoor Learning Day



Year 1 will be having an outdoor learning day on Friday 11/11/22. 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.

## 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 remember to sign their diaries to show what reading they have been doing, we enjoy reading your comments and responding to them. There are extra digital books available on Oxford Owl.. please let us know if you are struggling to log on as we can see that there are only a few people that take advantage of these resources.

**Spelling/Phonics:** Each week, two alternatives of the previously learnt sounds will be taught. Please reinforce this by completing the sheets sent home in book bags. Our word of the week will be on their reading diary stickers.

**Maths:** Please help your child to practise writing the numbers 0 to 20, and counting forwards from any number to 50 and backwards from 30.

