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Year 1 - Newsletter

We are incredibly proud of the progress that the children have made since joining Year 1 in September 2023. We are now working on a more formal curriculum, where the children have foundation subjects taught as individual lessons rather than through continuous provision. Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in each subject this half-term:

Literacy

We have recently begun using the programme 'The Write Stuff' and the children have already produced a great retelling of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and created a leaflet for their own Ice Kingdom. This half-term, the children are writing their own poems about Christmas Day and a narrative based on 'The Queen's Hat'.

Maths

We follow the programme 'Ark - My Mastery' for Maths. This half-term, the children will be learning about Fractions; focusing on finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts, Length and Mass; using non-standard units of measure before introducing standard units, and Numbers 50 - 100; identifying 2-digit numbers, finding ten more and ten less and comparing numbers within 100.

Phonics

In June 2024, your child will sit the DfE Phonics Screening Check. Your child has been preparing for this check in their daily phonics sessions and we have now introduced three afternoon sessions per week to support blending and reading words fluently. We are using resources such as Phonics Play (<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>) and flashcards to give children regular opportunities to read real and pseudo words, like those they will have in their Phonics Screening Check. Please spend 5 minutes a day, listening to your child read their school reading books and encourage them to segment each word before blending it, if they do not sight read correctly automatically. Your support at home is greatly appreciated and significant in your child's reading development.



PSHE

In PSHE this half-term, we are asking questions about money; where it comes from, what jobs/professions the children may like to do when they are older, and how to keep money safe.

RE

In RE this half-term, the children are learning 'An Introduction to Islam'. The children will answer a key question each week, such as 'Who Is Allah?'.

Art

This half-term, we are exploring watercolour paints, mark making and mixing colours to create different effects. We will be looking to find the story in our paintings and building a painting over the course of a few weeks. The children will study the artist Paul Klee and evaluate some of his work.



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PE

In PE this half-term, the children will be learning to play Tennis and Basketball. Weather permitting, lessons will take place outdoors so please ensure correct footwear and a black hoodie/jacket is provided.

Trowse Class have PE on a Monday and Friday.

Colney Class have PE on a Thursday and Friday.

P.E Kit checklist

- Coloured house team PE top (available to purchase on Parentmail)
- Plain black trousers/shorts
- Plain black hoodie/jacket
- Plain white or black trainers



Science

In Science lessons we are learning about plants (Biology). We will be learning how plants grow, some names of common plants and how to compare them, and to name parts of a plant. To help you can look at plants, including trees when you are walking with your children, and you could plant some seeds and see what happens.

Geography

This half-term we are learning about the United Kingdom. The children will learn about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We will discuss why tourists may be attracted to visit these countries and key landmarks that they each hold.

We look forward to a busy and exciting Summer Term.

The Year 1 team 😊