



Autumn Term 2 Newsletter Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers, the children have settled so nicely into Year 1 and are showing a wonderful attitude to their learning so far.

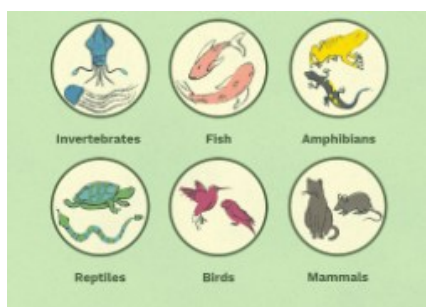
Drop off/Pick Up The KS1 gate will be open at 8.35am. Please bring your child straight to the classroom door where their teacher will be waiting for them. The KS1 gate will then be opened at 3:10pm and the children will be collected from the classroom door at 3.15pm.

History

In Geography this term we will be studying 'After Dark' where the children will learn all about Guy Fawkes. We will be learning about when the Gunpowder Plot occurred and how people lived at the time.



Science



In Science, we will be learning about animals including humans. The children will explore mammals and know the difference between mammals and non-mammals, We will learn about the characteristics that mammals have in common and be able to group animals including birds, mammals, reptiles, fish and amphibians using the key features of each group.

Reading and Phonics

The children are taught daily phonics using our fantastic scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. The children will come home with their phonics books on a Friday, and these will include sounds that your child has learnt, and they will have shared the book with an adult in school before they bring it home. As a result of this, your child should be able to read it independently. In addition to the phonics book, they will also take home a 'sharing' book that they will not be able to read independently and is designed to be shared with a grown-up. They may, of course, choose to read something they have at home for this instead. Little Wandle books will be sent home on a Friday. Please return the book on the following Friday. The books we have purchased are a valuable resource and we kindly ask that you keep the books in good condition so they last as long as possible. Sharing books will

be changed on a Monday and Wednesday. Every child has a 'Home School Record' with their reading books for yourself to record when your child has read.

Dojo points are awarded for daily reading, but only if the home school record is signed. If the home school record is not signed, or if the book is not returned to school, your child will not be able to choose a different book.

P.E.

PE takes place every week on Tuesday. Please send your child to school in their PE kit with their school uniform and school shoes in a separate bag ready to get changed into after PE.

All of your child's school uniform, shoes and PE kit must be named. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor and outdoor P.E and should consist of a white t-shirt and black shorts.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Thursday.

Fruit and Water

The children will be given a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) each day. We encourage drinking water regularly so please send your child in with fresh water every day in their named water bottle.

Picking up after school

If someone other than the usual person will be picking up your child after school, please let us know by telling a member of staff or messaging through MCAS. **Please not that Dojo is no longer used for messaging.** I will regularly check and reply to messages promptly, however any messages sent in the evenings (after 6pm) or at the weekend will be responded to the next working day. Responses should arrive via your email inbox.

Kind regards, Ms Suddards-Street, Miss Haines and Miss Rogers