

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Year 1

Dear Year 1 parents and guardians,

We are so excited to welcome your children into our classes and the Autumn term of Year 1! Year 1 has had a fantastic start to the Autumn term with lots of brilliant learning taking place across the curriculum. Each half term, we will send a newsletter outlining our key learning of the term.

Maths

In maths, we have looked at sorting and ordering groups of objects and numbers and this week we have been using and sharing a variety of resources to strengthen our counting skills. In the next three weeks, we will be moving on to addition and subtraction within 10. The children will then be introduced to the idea of 'parts' and 'wholes' and apply this to groups of objects and numbers. This will be closely linked to our learning about addition, number bonds to 10 and then to the concept of commutativity. Please find the White Rose Maths workbooks attached for the units that we will cover. These are a useful tool if you would like to pre-teach these units to support your child's learning, or to do at the end of a unit to consolidate their learning.

Literacy

We will be sharing some wonderful texts together this term in literacy, which will inspire some brilliant written work! This includes, 'The Everywhere Bear' by Julia Donaldson and our Compass Literacy Project which we are taking part in, 'The Last Zookeeper'. The children will be focussing on Time phrases, using adjectives to describe and the use of imperative verbs. We will be producing some inspiring art work alongside 'The Last Zookeeper' project to help support our creative writing.

We follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. To find out more check out the website:<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Science

Materials will be the focus of our science learning this term. We have been building the children's knowledge of different materials in our everyday environment. This week, we have been on a 'materials hunt' around school, spotting and labelling lots of different materials, exploring and comparing their structure and using adjectives to describe the many properties. This links beautifully with our Art project this term, which is to use a variety of materials to create a collage of our own inspired by Matisse and his colourful, joyful artwork.

Foundation

The wider curriculum has also provided us with some great learning experiences this term. We have been learning about 'belonging' in RE with a view to build the children's understanding of what it could mean to belong to a community.

E-safety has been our main focus in Computing. We have been thinking about the important things to remember to stay safe online and will be making our own e-safety posters next week. In Geography, we have been looking at the physical and human features of our local area. Having done some fieldwork around school to observe our immediate environment, and studied photos of school from a 'bird's eye view', the children created some fantastic maps of the school, playground and surrounding area this week.

[For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website.](#)

We are so excited to meet you all properly to discuss how wonderfully your children have been settling into Year and all the incredible learning that they have engaged in. This Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd of October.

[PE Days:](#)

Miss Hill's Class: **Tuesdays and Fridays**

Miss Mancey's Class: **Tuesdays and Thursdays**

[Can the children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please!](#)

We look forward to sharing some of the children's wonderful learning with you at parents evening later this term.

All the best,

Miss Mancey and Miss Hills