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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 great discussion and brilliant written work! We are linking our literacy to our history topic of toys through time, and books will include, 'That Bear Belongs to Emily Brown', 'Lost in the Toy Museum', 'Dogger', 'Toys in Space' and 'The Everywhere Bear'. This term the children will be focussing on using talk to support their writing, developing sentence construction and accurate letter formation.

For reading and phonics, we follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. Children will continue to take a phonics book home each week which they should read daily for fluency practice. Please take a look at Little Wandle's parent resources here:

<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 will provide 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 is 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 later in the term. In History the children will be learning about 'Toys through Time'. We will be exploring the differences and similarities of old and new toys as well as discussing materials that were used and how they have changed over time. In Spanish we will be learning how to present ourselves and say the colours.

PE Days

These will remain the same:

Mrs Paratilla's Class: Tuesdays and Fridays

Miss Mancey's Class: Thursdays and Fridays

Can the children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please!

Staffing in Year 1:

We would like to introduce you to the lovely adults who are working with your children in Year 1!

Miss Mancey – Class Teacher

Mrs Paratilla – Class Teacher

Miss PG – teaches music and leads choir for both classes on Tuesday mornings.

Vicky – teaches Miss Mancey's class and Mrs Paratilla's class on Tuesday morning.

Lori-Anne and Sara– work closely with Miss Mancey as Learning Support Assistants.

Natasha H and Sheri - work closely with Mrs Paratilla as Learning Support Assistants

Megan – is our teaching assistant, supporting children in both classes.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Paratilla and Miss Mancey