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Autumn 2 Newsletter

Year 1

Dear Year 1 Parents and Guardians,

We have had a great week welcoming the children back after an autumnal and spooky half-term break!

In maths, we are starting off the term looking at addition and subtraction. We have made links to our previous learning, looking at how we can find the 'missing part' using a part-whole model and we will be moving on to looking at fact-families and subtracting by 'counting back' using a number line. Towards the end of this term, we will be taking our first look at geometry: recognising, sorting and making patterns with both 2- and 3-D shapes. Finally, we will move on to looking at place value, noticing links between how a number is written (in numerals) and how many tens and ones it is comprised of.

In literacy, we are continuing to build children's mastery of sentence construction whilst also enjoying a range of fantastic books and stories. We have begun the term with 'Room on the Broom', using drama and play to build confidence in oral storytelling and finding opportunities to apply our new phonics knowledge. We will continue the term with creative recipes, inspired by the wonderful story 'The Café at the Edge of the Woods'. Later in the term, we will be building children's knowledge of fairy tales, with opportunities for narrating and creating our own fairytale inspired stories. We will end the term with our RE topic looking at the meaning of Christmas and why Jesus is important to Christians. We will use this as our stimulus in literacy, consolidating children's understanding of accuracy in sentence construction.

Seasons will be the focus of our science learning this term. We started off by discussing weather changes relating to each season and how this affects our daily lives. We will also be conducting a longitudinal study of the weather over this period of time using our handmade weather instruments including a rain gauge and wind vane. In geography this term we are looking at our local area and developing and understanding of maps as well as how to use them. In Spanish, we are learning the colours. In D.T this term we will be creating a toy out of discarded items and materials! The children will be learning about 'upcycling', developing their ideas, designing their product – choosing the materials carefully, making their final product and evaluating it, with a focus on what was successful and what they would like to improve. We would be grateful for donations of hard old plastic bottles, cartons, boxes and straws in the week beginning **24th November**.

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!

Book Bags

Please return book bags each **Thursday**, along with any books borrowed from the classroom. We encourage children to read daily for at least 10 minutes with an adult at home.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Mancey & Mrs Paratilla