

Year 1 Newsletter- Autumn Term 1.

Alien Invasion!

Dear Parents,

We hope you have enjoyed the Summer holiday and would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you into Year 1.

This half term our topic is 'Alien Invasion!' To inspire our writing, we will witness the sighting of a spaceship in the sky! **Where has it come from? Where is it going? Why did it travel here?** We will be using our imaginations to draw and write about the creature, who is flying the spaceship. We will also be exploring the human body and the senses we use to understand the World around us. For Maths, we will be consolidating and refreshing our knowledge of the number system by ordering and counting numbers.

If you have any questions or wish to contact your child's class teacher, please speak with us at collection or drop off or alternatively contact us via your child's Seesaw account.

Many Thanks, The Year 1 Team! 😊

PE Days

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school, including tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers/plimsolls as one of our PE sessions will be outside.

Toucan – Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Hummingbird- Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Fleming- Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Homework

Please look out for your child's new **Reading Record**, along with information regarding our **new reading incentives**.

This will be coming home with your child soon!

In the meantime, children are welcome to take home books to enjoy from our **school library**.

Dates for your diary! The lead up to Christmas is a very busy time of the year so please have a look at these important diary dates...

Tues 10/10/23 World Mental Health Day.

Thurs 12/10/23 Harvest Festival

Thurs 12/10/23 2.45 Phonic workshop for Year 1 parents

Weds 18/10/23 No Teatime Club due to staff training.

Fri 20/10.23 'Proud to be Pompey!' Blue non-uniform day.

HALF TERM Monday 23rd- Friday 27th October

Mon 30/10/23 INSET DAY- school closed to pupils.

Weds 8/11/23 Parent's Evening 4-7pm

Thurs /11/22 Parent's Evening 4-7pm

Mon 13/11/23 School photographer.

Weds 15/11/23 Flu immunisation

Thurs 16/11/23 Stamshaw celebrates Children in Need Day

Fri 17/11/23 INSET DAY- school closed to pupils.

Weds 6/12/23 Open Box Christmas show.


Thurs 7/12/23 Christmas Jumper Day (donations from 1st Nov)

Weds 13/12/23 Year 1 Nativity performance taking place in school hall. (9.15 or 2pm)

Thurs 14/12/23 Christmas Dinner/ Christmas party in class.

Fri 15/12/23 Break up for Christmas 1pm gates open.

Tues 2/1/24 INSET DAY- school closed to pupils.

 **REMINDER-** Don't forget to check for further important updates and reminders.

We will also continue to post weekly roundups to share all of our wonderful learning each week. 😊



What will we be learning this half term?

Mathematics:

This half term in mathematics we will be exploring number and place value. We will be reading, writing and ordering numbers. We will be counting on forwards and counting back from any given number and learning to find one more and one less. We will use our understanding to sort and compare groups of objects and numbers. We will learn about the equals symbol = and the addition symbol + and learn about ordinal numbers and their place on a number line.

English: This half term we will be focusing our English lessons on good sentence structure. We will learn how to accurately use finger spaces and begin to explore appropriately using capital letters and full stops. We will be writing about the adventures we got up to in the Summer holidays, writing our own alien descriptions, imagining and writing about the appearance of other planets and describing how we would get there. We will be using our alphabet mats to help us form our letters correctly.



Computing: We will be exploring technology around us. We will learn what 'technology' means. We will begin to recognise the different parts of a computer and will be using the keyboard for purpose when 'typing'. We will also practise retrieving and editing a previously saved document.



Science:

Our focus this half term is Animals including humans- All about me! We will discover the basic parts of the human body and learn more about how parts of the body work. This will include our eyes and sight, our ears and hearing, our tongue and taste, our nose and sense of smell and exploring our sense of touch.



Design & Technology:

We will be learning about flying toys. We will use what we have learnt about materials and their uses to design and build our own flying rockets! We will then evaluate our rockets, discussing and recording our future improvements.

Physical Education: This half term our indoor PE session will focus on our first Dance unit. Our outdoors sessions will focus on our first unit of 'Hit, Catch, Run!'



Art & Design: In Art and Design, we will be using our imaginations and creative skills to create our own multimedia alien artwork.

Music: In our music lessons we will be learning about 'Our Musical Heartbeat!' We will be listening to various pieces of music and learning to identify the beat and pulse in music.

RE: We will be learning about the celebration of Harvest. We will find out more about what happens at Harvest time and how and why people choose to celebrate this time.



PSHE: We will be learning about what makes us special, different and unique and why this is something to be celebrated! We will be learning about different feelings and emotions and how these can change in different situations.

Guided Reading:

We will participate in our daily guided reading sessions. We will be focusing on our decoding and comprehension skills and taking part in independent activities related to the books we are reading.

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us via your child's Seesaw account.

Many Thanks for your ongoing support. The Year One Team 😊