



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn 2—2023/2024



### Notices and Reminders

As the weather gets colder the children need to bring a coat to school everyday.

Thursday 30th of November is St Andrews Day.  
The children can come to school in club uniforms.

Please bring in a named apron or old shirt if you wish your child to cover their uniform during messy activities.

### Phonics

We are learning the Phase 5 sounds:

/or/ <au>, /ee/ <ey>, /ai/ <a-e>, /ee/ <e-e>, /igh/ <l-e>, /oa/ <o-e>, /oo/ /y+oo/ <u-e>, /s/ <c>, /ee/ <y>, and /or/ <al>.

We are learning to read the harder to read and spell words:

Please, once, any, many, again, who, whole, where, two.



### Key dates

#### November

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Skipping Workshop
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Friends PTA meeting 7.30 via Teams
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** - SEND 'Come and Ask' session 9am and 12pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Anti Bullying Week/Odd Socks (details TBC)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - CLIC Year 1 Parents/Carers come and find out how we teach phonics 8.55am -9.25am or 2.45pm -3.10pm
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** - School Disco 5pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** - St Andrews Day children can come to school in club uniforms

#### December

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Shopping Event (in school)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Christmas Fair (in school event)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Explorers Nativity (details TBC)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Lunch for the children
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** - Yr1 and Yr2 Carols by Candlelight (details tbc)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - End of term 1.15pm finish**

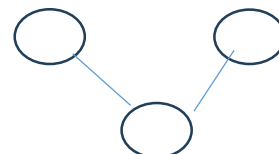
### Writing

We are going to be using 'Talk for Writing' to learn the story and then write it. We will focus on using capital letters at the start of sentences and full stops at the end.



### Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning about addition and subtraction. We will learn that addition problems can be solved by using parts and wholes. We will learn about fact families and that addition and subtraction are the inverse of each other.



## Science

As Scientists this half term, we will be exploring different materials and comparing their properties. We will begin to use terminology such as transparent, opaque, hard, soft, rigid and flexible. We will then use our knowledge about the properties of different materials to design a new sleigh for Father Christmas, giving scientific reasons for our choices.



## Geography

Our big question this half term is 'What are the continents and oceans of the world?'. We will learn the names of the seven continents and the five oceans of the world. We will learn how to locate the continents and oceans on a map and globe. We will know that Africa is the hottest continent and that Antarctica is very cold.



## Art

In Art this half term, we are learning about painting. The children will develop their knowledge about primary and secondary colours using colour wheels. We will look at artwork by Joan Miro, who created surrealist paintings. We will recreate a surrealist painting of Miro's using thin and thick brushes.



## PE

Our focus this half term is dance. We will name the muscles children need to build up when dancing. We will explore different travelling movements and a range of jumps. We will learn that a dance phrase/ sequence is a series of dance movements. We will learn about balance and finish by creating simple dance phrases.



## RE

Our unit this term is all about Jesus. We will learn about when Jesus was born, about the parables that he told and the miracles that he performed. We will be thinking about how Jesus was able to come back to life after his crucifixion.



## PSHE

We are learning all about how to stay healthy. We will be looking at what a healthy diet is and sorting healthy and less healthy foods. We will be thinking about how to keep our bodies and our minds healthy. We will be focusing on things we can do to help our mind stay happy and healthy.



## Homework

Read x 4 a week and write in the yellow Reading Journals so we can track progress.

Keep a **diary of all the fruit and vegetables** you eat over a week.

Learn **subtraction facts to 10** e.g.  $10-3=7$  and  $7=10-3$ . **Homework can be posted on Tapestry or brought to school on a Thursday to share in class.**

## Suggested books for reading

**Funny:** [Dogs in Disguise](#) Peter Bently & John Bond

**Friendship:**

[Meesha Makes Friends](#) Tom Percival  
[The Friendship Bench](#) Wendy Meddour & Daniel Egneus

**Poetry:** [Chocolate Cake](#)

Michael Rosen & Kevin Waldron

