

# Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now at the beginning of the Autumn Term and the children are all working hard to achieve their targets.

## This half term your child will be studying:

**English** – Children will be developing their retelling skills. They will be using role-play and mapping stories to plan their writing and develop understanding of narrative structure. They will also be performing poetry for Choral Speaking Week on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September and writing about their trip to Margate.

**Maths** – We will be learning about numbers. The children will be developing their understanding of number recognition and comparing numbers. We will also look at number order and patterns and problem solving.

**Religious Education** – The children will be learning about the importance of family, friendship and togetherness.

**Science** – We will be finding out about different materials this term and comparing their properties. We will use our Science enquiry skills to plan investigations. We will also be looking at seasonal changes.

**Creative Curriculum** – Our topic is ‘**What is the past and what is my past?**’

We will be linking our creative topic to Geography and Art this term. In **Geography** we will be going on a local walk to see what changes are happening in the local area and to use maps. We will complete an information text with the research we gather. In **History** we will be finding out about our own history and learning about what the past is. We will then be exploring what school was like in the past and comparing it to school today. Art will involve developing our drawing skills, using the local area as stimulus. We will be finding out about artists and using their work to inspire us. During Computing we will be learning about e-safety, exploring how the children can stay safe on the internet. We will also begin to use word processing.

**PSHE:** We will be discussing our role in the school, and beyond that, in the world. There will be a focus on listening skills and group skills.

**Music** – The children will be using their voices and percussion expressively and combining different sounds.

**PE** – The children will have two PE lessons every week, one will focus on gymnastics and the other on running, jumping, throwing and catching skills.

**Our PE days** are **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child brings a PE kit labelled clearly with their name every Monday. It will be returned to you on Friday.

## Homework

Homework is a very important part of your child’s education. It is usually linked to what your child has learned that week or in preparation for something they are going to learn. The homework this term will be focusing on the basic skills - spelling, handwriting and numeracy skills. Your child will need support from an adult to read and fully understand what he/she needs to do. Homework is given to the children on Friday and they are expected to hand it in on Thursday. To encourage the completion of homework in a positive way, we will give a reward at the end of each half term, to the children who have completed all homework activities. Should your child not bring in their homework by Thursday, they will go to

lunchtime detention. From time to time, we will also set the children a project to complete at home linked to the Creative Curriculum or Science. This is a great opportunity for you to work on a fun and creative project with your child.

### **Reading – important things to remember**

- ❖ Please encourage your child to read for 10 minutes every night.
- ❖ Before reading with your child, read his/her target (written in yellow reading record) so that you can help them to achieve their target. We also welcome your responses and comments in the same book.
- ❖ The children can also access a range of books online through Bug Club. Your child's log in details will be in their reading log.
- ❖ Please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school every day.
- ❖ It is also important to share and enjoy books with your child. Remember that books can be borrowed for free from our school library or your local library. Reading books together will help your child to acquire language, read familiar words and write exciting stories!

### **Educational Visits**

We have five more educational visits planned this term. The next one is a local walk as part of our Geography learning. We will also be making a visit to the Museum of Childhood to develop our understanding of what life was like in the past.

**Uniform** - Please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled in all of their uniform. Your child should take responsibility for looking after their belongings, particularly in the playground and when changing for PE. If you find you have the wrong item of clothing returned to you, please bring it to your child's teacher and we will endeavour to return the correct items. If a coat, jumper or other item is left in the playground, it will be taken to lost property, which is accessible through the school office.

**We hope this newsletter has been helpful. Please make an appointment to see any of the year 1 teaching staff if you have any worries/questions/etc. Please make sure your child is in school everyday and on time to ensure they don't miss out on valuable learning.**

**From Miss Basaba and Mrs De Rogatis**