



Our Year 1 Newsletter

Monday 31st October 2022

Welcome Back

We hope that you had a lovely half term break with your child. This term will be as busy and fun as the last, with a fantastic new topic 'Fireworks and Festivals'. We will be learning all about Guy Fawkes, the history behind Bonfire Night and safety around fireworks. We will also be looking at a range of different festivals including Hannukah and Christmas. We have a Jewish visitor coming in at the end of November to deliver a workshop for us too.

Our daily timetable this term will change somewhat to lend itself more to a typical day in Year 1. There will only be two 'Plan, Learn, Review' sessions each week. You may find that your child is more tired to start of with this term as they get used to more structured lessons each day.

Terrific Term 2

This term we will continue with some of the daily activities that we started at the end of term 1, these include:

- **Morning activities:** These included independent activities at the tables as well as working challenging any misconceptions or mistakes in their learning from the day before.
- **Daily phonics sessions** in line with our Family Fisher Trust (FFT). This is a 25 minute session which happens at 9am each morning. Your child be with any of the Year 1 teachers (they may not be with their own class teacher).
- **Daily reading sessions** in line with our Family Fisher Trust (FFT). This is a 20-25 minute session which takes place at 12.50pm each afternoon. Your child may be with any of the Year 1 teachers.
- **Computing:** In week 1 of term 2, the children will be completing their first computing unit of work. This will include logging on to and starting to use Purple Mash. See our term 2 'Web of Discovery' on our Year 1 webpage for more details.
- **Number Sense:** This is a 15-20 minute maths fluency lesson that your child will take part in daily.

Also coming up this term...

Revisiting and extending our learning about Diwali—the Hindu festival of lights.

Learning about Hannukah—an introduction to the Jewish faith and the Jewish festival of lights including a special visitor.

Learning about Christmas- an introduction to the Christian faith, our experiences of Christmas and the history of Christmas.

We are also hoping to arrange another family session where you are able to come and see what we have been doing this term.

Important

Our book change days for term 2 have changed to Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure that you send all books into school on these days, including their free choice books on a Friday.

Reminders

Goodall and Earhart have PE on Wednesdays and Darwin have PE on Fridays. Please make sure your child wears their PE uniform on their PE day.

In Year 1, we offer fruit or vegetables for morning snack and we have bread sticks for afternoon playtime (until the end of term). If you would like to send your child an alternative snack, please make sure that it is a healthy option.

Please make sure that you child brings in a clearly labelled water each day.

Please make sure all your child's ties and jumpers are clearly labelled.