

# Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Autumn term.



## Upcoming Events

**Literacy:** We will begin the term by reading a range of stories with a familiar setting. Some texts contain repetitive phrases which encourage the children to join in during shared reading. At the end of some English units, the children will write a retell of a story, having retold it verbally and with actions. Towards the end of the term, the children will explore poetry and rhyme, as well as exploring instructional writing.

**Maths:** This term we will be learning to count up to, and backwards from 100. We will also be practicing adding and subtracting practically, with number lines and in the form of word problems. We will also review 2D shapes and begin to describe the properties of 3D shapes. The children will be learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past times, as well as using non-standard units of measure when exploring length. The children will also learn to add small amounts of money together and learn which coins to use to make a given total.

**Geography:** This term, the children will be learning about their local area and will explore their immediate environment using maps and aerial photographs. The children will begin to understand how a simple map is used and where their school is, in relation to their home and other notable landmarks in Datchet. The children will also create their own maps of their classroom and observe the landmarks of Datchet.

**History:** This term, the children will be learning about toys from the past. We will handle and explore toys from the past and compare them to what we have now. Throughout the unit, the children will develop a range of historical skills such as: asking and answering questions, identifying and interpreting different sources, recognising change and exploring how these changes influence our lives today.

**RE:** This term, the children will be exploring parables and discussing who God is and what we know about him. The children will read the parable 'The Lost Son' and discuss 'forgiveness'. The children will also learn about the story of 'Creation' and how everything came to be. They will also learn about the birth of Jesus and its significance to Christian people.

**Science:** This term, the children will be learning about the seasons of Autumn and Winter. They will be observing, discussing and recording the changes they find in relation to plants, animals and the weather. The children will also learn about the senses and how humans, as well as animals depend on them.

## Reminders

26<sup>th</sup> September: Harvest food collection

30<sup>th</sup> September: Penny run

3<sup>rd</sup> October: Black History Day

7<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Church Service (led by Year 1 and 2)

18<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening from 1:30-4:30

20<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening from 3:50-6:30

21<sup>st</sup> October: INSET day

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October: Half term

31<sup>st</sup> October: Children back to school

18<sup>th</sup> November: Datchet's Got Talent

2<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Market at school

7<sup>th</sup> December: Dress rehearsal for Key Stage 1 Christmas Play

8<sup>th</sup> December: Key Stage 1 Christmas play at 2pm and 6pm

14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of school, early finish at 1:30

16<sup>th</sup> December: INSET day

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023: INSET day

4<sup>th</sup> January 2023: Children back to school

**Art:** This term, we will be exploring self – portraits. The children learn how to draw a face and features, focusing on the shape and proportions of features. They will also draw a self – portrait. We will also explore the work of Pablo Picasso and how he used colour to portray emotions.

**DT:** This term, the children will be learning how to create a moving picture by making their own sliding and pivot mechanism. They will have the opportunity to explore moving pictures in pop-up books and begin to understand how these simple mechanisms work. They will then design their own moving picture and then make it.

**Computing:** This term, the children will be learning how to log on to our computers and open specific programs. They will also learn how to control a mouse and to type in a word document. They will also have a go at creating their own digital content.

**PSHE:** This term, the children will be learning how they can make themselves and others feel happy and safe. The children will also discuss the differences between themselves and celebrate their 'uniqueness'.

**PE:** This term, the children will be developing their ability to change speed and height when travelling in different ways. They will learn to throw and catch and work as a team. The children will also learn specific gymnastic balances and learn to use the equipment safely. They will learn a simple sequence of movements and perform these to their peers.

**Music:** This term, the children will listen to a range of music and share their likes and dislikes with their peers. They will also sing as a class and explore performing for their peers. They will also experiment with percussive instruments and copy repetitive beats and phrases in pieces of music.