

# 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 practising 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 learn that 'History' is the story of the past. They will learn that people who learn about the past are called 'historians'. With some support, they will explore the past using sources of information such as fact files and photographs. The children will think about their own past in the form of their family tree.

**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 animals and their needs. They will learn about the different animal groups: reptiles, birds, amphibians, mammals and fish. The children will compare the animals that belong to each group and identify which group they belong in. They will also learn about the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

## Reminders

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Phonics meeting at 3:30

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Harvest Church Service led with Year 1 and 2

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Black History Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October: INSET day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Holiday

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: Children back at school. Spring term begins.

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

**Art:** This term, we will be exploring colour! We will be looking at the works of Mondrian, Van Gogh, Vermeer and Monet. They will learn about primary and secondary colours and will explore mixing colours together. The children will learn about making tints and shades, as well as learning about different brush techniques. They will look at the work of artists to see how they used colour to evoke emotion.

**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 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.

