

Year 1 Newsletter – September 2017

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break – the sun did make an appearance in the end! We are looking forward to a fun filled year – starting off this week with getting to know you games and activities. We also want the children to know more about their class namesake so we will be learning more about real owls and badgers. We will also be spending time supporting the children with any new rules and routines within the Year 1 classroom and outside area. If your child seems unsure about any new rules or routines then please don't hesitate to come to see us to clarify these.

English

Writing

We will be continuing to practice and improve our letter formation, to include capital letters and when to use them. We will also be exploring the 'ingredients' which make a good sentence. E.g. finger spaces, full stops, and capital letters.

Phonics / Reading

The children will continue to experience phonics sessions every day. Initially we will be looking at the alphabet – thinking about the order, as well as letter names. We will then recap from last year as well as introducing some new phonemes to support reading.

We hope to hear your child read over the next few weeks and allocate them a levelled book appropriate for them. Please bear with us!

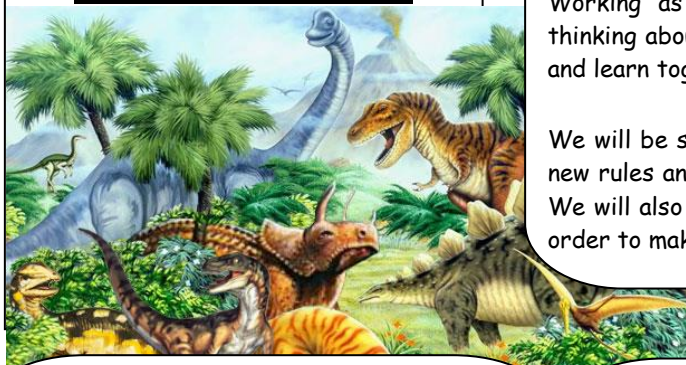
Mathematics

- *Counting on and backwards from a given number.
- *Counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, and 10s
- *Problem solving using measure and number
- *Continuing to solve addition and subtraction problems, using mathematical symbols (-, =, +)
- *Learn and explore number bonds to 10.

Topic

From week 2 we will launch our 'Dinosaur Hunt' topic. This topic presents many opportunities for writing, history, science and creativity. We will be learning about the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning in Lyme Regis. We will begin to classify 'animals' by sorting dinosaurs according to different criteria as well as doing lots of writing, painting and fact finding. Hopefully the children will enjoy this first topic and you get to hear lots about it at home too. Any 'show and tell' linked to our topic is welcomed.

Dinosaur Hunt!



ELLI

We will be thinking about relationships. Working as a team in our new classes and thinking about the qualities that help us to play and learn together successfully.

PSHEE

We will be supporting the children to learn the new rules and routines of their new year group. We will also be making up our own class rules in order to make us feel happy and safe at school.

French and Music with Mrs Baker and Mrs Taylor (from week 2)

This exciting addition to the curriculum will begin in week two and takes place every Wednesday morning. We hope you hear about it!

Computing

In computing the children will be learning how to log on to the computers and the importance of a password. We will also be exploring different tools on different art programs before drawing dinosaurs. They will also be using the program 2Simple music.

Dates for your diary

25th September – House Day
9th October – Harvest Festival
10th & 12th October – parent consultations
18th October – End of term 1.

PE

This term Mr Kiely will be taking the children for PE on a Wednesday morning, creating a dance linked to the topic. On Monday afternoons the children will be developing their throwing, bouncing and catching skills outside.