

## Year 1 Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

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### Literacy and Topic

Our new topic has already started - we're learning about traditional tales and nursery rhymes in order to build up stores of words and rhyming words. Through the topic we develop our writing ensuring the use of finger spaces, correct letter formation and our phonic knowledge. At the start of each fortnight we will write a recount of our weekend which we call our news write. We will also introduce Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG) which will help develop a strong understanding of the English language and sentence structure.



### Maths

Our maths sessions are well underway, focussing on number by securing counting, reading and writing numbers to and across 100, counting forwards and backwards in twos, fives and tens.

Over the term, the children will be focussing on solving addition and subtraction number sentences using a number line & 100 square to help them.

We would really appreciate it if you can continue to encourage your child to access the set Mathletics activities at home. We've popped their log in details



on the inside of the homework book cover.



**PE**

Please remember to have an indoor and outdoor kit which is clearly labelled in school.

**Indoor Kit:** t-shirt, shorts & pumps

**Outdoor Kit:** t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a jumper for colder weather.

**Oak Class PE lessons:**

Monday, multi-sport, outside

Friday, games, outside (timetable permitting)

**Chestnut Class PE lessons:**

Monday, multi-sport, outside

### Science

All children in Year 1 will have a fortnightly science lesson. We have new science books to record, which will follow us throughout Emscote. They have already started being super science detectives, exploring and comparing differences between the living and non-living and will be learning to identify & name lots of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds & mammals.



### Other Subject Areas

A lot of our curriculum is creative and we try to incorporate other subject areas such as music, art, geography and history into our topic work. In RE we will be encouraging pupils to learn from different religions, beliefs, values and traditions while exploring their own thoughts. This term, our focus festivals will be Rosh Hashanah (Jewish), Diwali (Hindu) and Christmas (Christian). In December we will be visiting St. John's Museum to participate in a traditional Victorian Christmas as part of our history/ RE work. Circle time sessions will take place each week where the children will get chance to talk about their thoughts, feelings and emotions.

Don't forget our world famous sharing assemblies:

- **Oak** – 12<sup>th</sup> October
- **Chestnut** – 26<sup>th</sup> October

### Reading

At Emscote Infants School, we are very keen to encourage lots of reading both at school and at home!

Your child will have now received their new 'Autumn Term Reading Diary'. We would like reading books and diaries to be in school every day.

At home we encourage reading 4 times a week. If you enjoy reading other books alongside your school ones write them in the diary too! **If reading books need changing, your child can put their reading packets in the box inside the classroom.**

In school we aim to do group or guided reading once a week along with at least one individual read in our reading sessions over the week. During these sessions children will also be engaged in phonic recaps, comprehension and the role play or reading corner.



**If you have any questions or concerns, please come in and see us. We have more time at the end of the day. Please let us know if anyone different is picking up your child so that we can write it on the board .**

### Homework, Phonics and Spellings

Homework books are sent home on Fridays which allows us to do their spelling 'quiz' in the back of the books and you can see how well your child does. It would be great to see all homework books by the following Wednesday, please, so that they can be marked in time.

Spellings will be sent home inside the homework books. These are practised in class each week and tested on the Friday – we value your support in helping your child learn to read, write and spell these.

Spellings are reviewed each half term and sent home with words that need a bit of practise highlighted.



### Clothing for wet weather

Please ensure your child comes in with a named, waterproof coat every day. They are also welcome to bring in a pair of named wellies as we do encourage the grassy area to be used throughout the year – and they can visit our resident chickens !

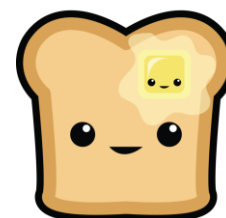


### Late Registration

Please remember that the school bell is rung in the playground at 8.55am. It would be great to hear the children reply to whoever rings it. Parents are welcome to join in too! If you arrive after 8.55 you will be marked as late in the register.

**Toast – 20p per slice at morning break.**

Children can bring in £1 to give to Mrs Robertson on a Monday for the whole week if that is easier .



**Please remember to name all items of clothing – especially coats, jumpers and cardigans!**

### Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle at school so that children can have a drink during the day.

They will be sent home each afternoon and are to be brought in the following

morning.