

Welcome to Year 1
Newsletter - Autumn Term 2021

Class Teachers: Mrs Old, Mrs Madagan, Mrs Smith **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Morgan, Mrs Sorrell, Mrs Smith,

Mrs Brown and Mrs Hutchin



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. We will also introduce **S**pelling, **P**unctuation and **G**rammar (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, numicon and a 100 square to help them. We would really appreciate it if you can continue to encourage your child to access the Mathletics and Maths UK activities at home. We've popped their individual



log - in details on the inside of the homework book cover.

PE



Please remember to have a clearly labelled PE kit. You'd be surprised how many things go missing even though they've come into school wearing it!

Indoor Kit: t-shirt, shorts & pumps

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

Oak and Chestnut Class PE lessons:

Tuesday afternoon, multi-skills, outside, weather permitting.

Thursday afternoon Yoga - Chestnut

Friday afternoon Yoga - Oak

Science

All children in Year 1 will have a fortnightly science lesson. They have new science books to record in, which will follow them throughout Emscote. They have already started being super science detectives, exploring the five senses. Later in the term, we will be learning about materials and their properties.



Other Subject Areas

A lot of our curriculum is creative and we 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 beliefs, values and traditions of different religions, whilst exploring their own thoughts.

This term, our focus festivals will be the Hindu Festival of Diwali and Christmas (Christian). Our usual visits to the Sikh Temple and St. John's Museum will be dependent upon Government guidelines and Warwickshire County Council guidance.

To begin with, our PSHE sessions will take place daily so the children will have an opportunity to talk about their thoughts, feelings and emotions. We want to make their return to school a happy and positive experience. We do appreciate it has been difficult for a lot of families and want to support everyone as best we can.

Reading

We are very keen to encourage lots of reading both at school and at home. If reading books need changing, your child can put their reading packets in 'the box' inside their classroom first thing in the morning. The phonics books will be changed weekly, however, the general reading books can be changed as soon as they have been completed. We will aim to change them that day but please bear with us if we can't as there's never a dull moment in a school! You may have a comprehension sheet popped in for your child to complete. Don't worry if you don't; that particular book may not have one. In our reading sessions, we aim to do group reading, guided reading or Reading Rocketeers once a week along with at least one individual read. During these sessions children will also be engaged in phonic recaps and comprehension activities.

At home we encourage reading 4 times a week. If you're reading home books too, please feel free to write in the diary.



Children are welcome to wear their home clothes when it is their birthday. If they choose to bring in treats for their friends, please could these be wrapped and they will then be handed out as the children leave for home.

Homework, Phonics and Spellings

Homework books will be sent home on Fridays. It would be great to see all homework books by the following Tuesday. Spellings will be attached inside the homework books. It's a good idea to make a note of them if your books are going to be handed in! These are practised in class each week and tested each Friday - we value your support in helping your child learn to read, write and spell these.

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



Registration

Mr Queralt will keep everyone updated regarding dropping off and collection. We must say, the children have been amazing and have settled beautifully. A credit to their grown ups.

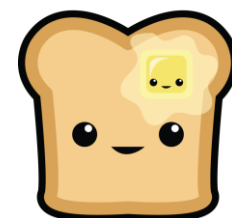
Clothing for Wet Weather

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!



Toast — Toast is £1 per week (Mondays, preferably). If your child would prefer to eat fruit please let us know and we can inform Mrs Robertson.

Some parents have paid for the term or up to half term. We've kept a record- please do whatever is best for you or your circumstances.



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 they can have a drink during the day.

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

