

Year 1/2 Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 - Our Green Planet

Focus Christian Value - Service (Helping)



Hello parents and carers!

I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer break and used the time to have some much earned rest, after a different yet rewarding school year! Fortunately, we are starting to build some normality back into the routines of school and we are looking forward to a year filled with fun, progress and enjoyment. I have also been very impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into school life and they are already showing lots of independence and enthusiasm. There are three members of staff that will make up the team in Year 1/2 this year - myself as class teacher, and Mrs Strachan and Mrs Towner as support staff on different days. The children will also be taught by Mrs Pepper this year when they have forest schools sessions on a Tuesday afternoon.

We are starting this year with a whole school topic - Our Green Planet. We will be looking at different countries and continents in geography and we will also be reading some class texts linked to our planet to look further at how we can look after the earth. In science, we will be studying plants. We will begin by identifying their parts and how to care for plants before moving on to planting some plants of our own. In maths, we will be starting looking at place value up to 50 which involves counting forwards and backwards, looking at how different combinations of tens and ones can make numbers, understanding and sorting numbers and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. In RE, we will be looking at "What Makes Us Unique?" by exploring what it means to belong to a faith and what makes us special as individuals. We will also be looking at painting in art, listening skills in music and E-Safety in our computing sessions. Finally, we will be looking at Physical Health and Wellbeing in our PSHE lessons.

I am looking forward to exploring all of these topics with my class this year and please don't hesitate to speak to me in school or contact the office if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Thank you,
Mr Marshall and the Year 1/2 Team

Reading Books and Spellings

Spellings will be sent out later this week. Your child will have 10 to practise each and they will also be available to practise at home via Spelling Shed. We will test these every Monday morning. Reading books will be provided to all children and will be checked on a Monday and Friday in line with whole school policies. More info to follow on reading records and Spelling Shed.



Things To Do At Home

Information on Google Classroom and what can be accessed on this at home will be explained during the curriculum information evening but children will have homework tasks throughout the year that can be access online. It is also important at this age to get lots of reading practice at home, discussions about what you have read and practicing letter and number formations too.

PE Kits and Forest Schools

Please ensure your child always has their PE kit in school. We will aim to do PE every Wednesday but this is going to be flexible as we look to get extra slots in where possible. Children will be taking part in Forest Schools session during this half term. Please ensure they have suitable waterproof clothing for outdoor learning in all weathers.



We Are Reading This Half Term

A Planet Full of Plastic - Neal Layton
Greta and the Giants - Zoe Tuckers
What a Waste - Jess French
Tidy - Emily Gravett

