

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1

2020-2021

We hope that you all had a wonderful Summer break and are ready for another fun filled school year ahead. This newsletter will provide you with information on the upcoming half term. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

We are:

1AS - Anastasia Sotiriou, Amanda White

1AM - Amanda Matheson, Kathy Burston

1JM - Jack Mellet, Azra Garner

Topic

Our Topic this term is 'All About Me' where we will be looking at what makes us unique and wonderful, our likes and dislikes and how we are similar and different to each other. We have begun this term by reading the Oliver Jeffers' book 'Here We Are' which explores the world around us. We will discuss our local environment along with natural and man-made objects. In art we have looked at artists who painted self-portraits such as Pablo Picasso, Freida Kahlo and Van Gogh and have been creating self-portraits of our own.

Maths

In maths we are beginning with 'Place Value' through number recognition and representing numbers in various ways with different objects. We use concrete resources from our environment to deepen our understanding and ensure we are able to use learnt counting strategies to find the total amount.



Why not do some baking at home, count how many seconds your child can brush their teeth for, how many jumps they can do in 30 seconds, count and name coins, look at door and bus numbers and other numbers in our everyday environment to further reinforce these mathematical skills and knowledge?

In the coming week your child will receive their Mathletics and Reading Eggs login details. We encourage you to logon and practise these with your child. These are online programs that can be used at home to support the learning that we do in school

English

We have started this term with the book 'Here We Are' By Oliver Jeffers, which we are using to discuss our place in the world around us. In the coming weeks we will be reading and completing work around 'Supertato' and 'Send for a Superhero'.



Reading

As you can appreciate, we are busy trying to assess the children to see what level they are at. Please be patient, however, reading books will be sent home in the coming week. Please return these by Friday so that your child can swap their book. These books will be placed in a box outside the classroom for 'isolation' before returning to the class.

Children will also be sent home a high frequency word booklet to practise. The idea of these is to practise them one page at a time. When your child knows all of the words, they will move up to the next colour/ level.

Science

This term we are beginning our study of weather and seasonal change and will begin to track weather patterns for each month. We will be creating our own wind vane and rain gauge to further our knowledge around the weather and seasons.



P.E

Below are the P.E days for the different classes. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit on their specific day, with the correct footwear. All sessions are outdoors for now, therefore with the cooler weather approaching, it is recommended that your child wears a tracksuit on their PE day.

PE Timetable		
1AS	Wednesday	Thursday
1AM	Monday	Thursday
1JM	Monday	Tuesday

Gem houses will also be allocated in the next week.

REQUESTS

If you have any items that we can use for junk modelling, they would be much appreciated. We will leave a box outside the classrooms to decontaminate for a week before they are used.

Daily Timetable

9:00-9:10 Handwriting/ Finger Gym
9:10-9.30 Phonics
9.30-10.00 English
10.00-10.40 COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning)
10.40-11.00- Break
11:00-11:30 Maths
11.30-12.00- COOL Time
LUNCH
1:00-1.20 Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
1.20- 2.50- COOL Time
2.50-3.20- Reading
3.30- Home time

We look forward to a fun filled year ahead. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thank you all for your support in your child's learning journey. We look forward to getting to know you and your child this year.

The Year 1 Team