



Welcome to Year 1!

Hello! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for the fun year ahead! It is lovely to see the children ready and enthusiastic for their learning this term. This newsletter is to let you know a few of the things we will be learning about in school over the next few weeks. It would be great if you could encourage your child's learning with some discussions at home - I'm sure they will be keen to share their learning with you! It's been a pleasure getting to know so many of the families in our school community and we look forward to continuing working with you.

Literacy

This half term in Literacy we will be looking at life **Under the Sea!** We will be exploring non-fiction and information texts to create fact files about sea creatures. We will also have the chance to go on a trip to the London Aquarium for a hands on learning experience to further the children's understanding. In addition, we will be reading story books based on the ocean and beginning to write stories.

Themed Topic (Geography/History)

This term children will have the chance to explore the many oceans of the world and where they are located on a world map. Students will have a chance to swim through the oceans with nemo the fish to reach different continents and explore the cultures found there. Students will also have a chance to look at globes and use atlases to locate different countries.

Science & Technology (IT)

The focus in science this half term is mixtures and potions. This is an introduction to chemistry and the children will explore different reactions and materials.

In Computing we will be exploring the different computing skills to help introduce computers to your child. This includes, turning a computer on or off, saving work and starting to use paint.

Expressive Arts and Design (Art, Design Technology, Drama, Music)

In art students will be learning to make 3D objects and making their own 3D underwater world.

In drama this term children will have a chance to take on the role of under the sea creatures using their imagination and bodies to move through the deep blue sea.

Mathematics

During our first weeks back, we will be exploring our numbers from 1-10. We will be working on number bonds to 10 to lead into our next unit, adding and subtracting numbers within 10. We will be using bead strings, unifix cubes and number lines as learning tools throughout these units.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSHE) & PE

In the coming weeks, children will have an opportunity to think about themselves and the world around them in a positive way. We will do this with a quick daily mindfulness session as well as circle time and community circles.

Year 1 will be doing PE on Fridays and will also have a swimming session on Tuesdays. Each class will go swimming every other half term. This will swap each half term. France Class will go swimming every Tuesday for this half term whilst Italy will take part in fine motor activities.

Home Learning & Other Useful Information

Thank you for all the work you have done with your children over the summer. It would be lovely if you could begin to read stories that link with the themes being covered over this term to continue the learning outside of school. Your child will be given phonics homework each Friday in their book bag (this should be returned on Tuesdays). The most important thing you can do with your child is reading with and to them. Please try and read with your child for at least 5 minutes per day and encourage your child to read to you.