



Year 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to Term 4 and the second half of the year!
The children made so much progress last term –
we are really proud of them all!
Mrs Walters, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Peake

English

The children will enjoy a range of story books, including dinosaur and space stories. They will listen to the 'Book of the Week' and carry out writing activities related to the story. They will develop their skills of writing phonetically plausible sentences, forming letters correctly, and using adjectives, finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

Phonics

We will teach daily 'Little Wandle' sessions, which will continue to develop the children's reading skills and their understanding of phonics. We will send home a weekly Little Wandle sheet on a Friday, so the children can continue to practice the new Phase 5 sounds and words that they have learnt in school, at home.

Maths

Using the White Rose Maths scheme, we will focus on the following this term:

Place value within 50
Length and height
Mass and volume

History

This term we are thinking about our favourite toys and will be comparing our favourite toys to those of our Grandparents. We will look at what is the same, what has changed and coming up with reasons why the toys may be different.

RE

This term's big question is 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' We will be learning about the events of Holy Week, including Jesus' death and resurrection.

PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE uniform on PE days:

Monet – Wednesday and Thursday

Miranda – Monday and Wednesday

Science

This term we will continue to learn about the main animal groups (reptile, bird etc) and consider similarities and differences between the groups. We will also be looking at what food animals eat to help us sort them into carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

Design Technology

Our learning is called 'Structures: Constructing a Windmill'. The children will be designing and constructing a paper windmill. They will evaluate it, make improvements and add decorations.

PSHE

This term we will be learning all about what it means to be healthy. We will look at how we can all make healthy choices - thinking about the food we eat and the exercise we take. We will also talk about different areas of safety including road and medicine safety.

Homework

We will be using Class Dojo and EdShed each week for your child's home learning. Please let us know if you are having difficulties logging onto Edshed. Further information will be shared on Class Dojo.

General reminders

Your child should bring a **named water bottle** to school every day. Please send in a pair of **named wellies** for your child to keep at school.

Reading

Each week we will be sending home the Little Wandle book that your child has been practicing reading that week at school, as well as sharing books to read with you at home. Find out more by following this link:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Please record in their reading record every time they read with you. Children will be rewarded on our Reading Champion sunflower. **The expectation is that children read 7 times a week.**