

YEAR ONE AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 Topaz class. I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and the children are ready to learn! We have an exciting and busy year ahead with lots of different subjects and new topics to look forward to. This newsletter will provide you with a few reminders and an insight into some of the learning happening in our classroom.

Our Learning

This half term our topic is 'Moon Zoom' where we will be learning the history of space travel and comparing the explorers Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. Maths this term will consist of consolidating numbers to 20, place value and addition and subtraction including number bonds to 10. As always, Phonics is an important part of our day in Year 1. Any support at home (including reading) will greatly benefit the children and support their learning in the classroom.

Our topics for PSHE this term are 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating difference'. The children will discuss making good choices and how we feel in different situations. They will be identifying similarities and celebrating differences between each other and talk about being a good friend. In RE this term children will be learning about what Christians believe God is like and discussing the importance of Christmas for Christians.

Our topic next half term is Superheroes. We will be exploring the life of Florence Nightingale and finding out what makes her a real life superhero. We will be having a Superhero dress up day too - more information will be provided nearer the time.

Homework

Every other week a topic based piece of homework will be set which the children can choose from the topic home learning grid. More information for this will be noted on the sheet. In the alternate weeks, Athletics and Spellodrome homework will be set and their logs for these can be found in the back of their contact books. In addition to this, the children will receive the tricky words they are learning to read and spell. It would be very beneficial to their learning if you could practice these with them at home.

Contact books

The children will continue to bring home contact books each day. These will contain information about their reading books and the reading they have done in school. They will be signed each week in school which would be appreciated if you could do the same.

Reading books

Reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for children to read at home. It is highly recommended that you read with your child frequently throughout the week to support your child's fluency in reading and also help with their phonics. If you could sign the diary to let us know they have read we will be able to change books appropriately and efficiently. Please feel free to let us know how they are getting on at home with their reading and if there are any words or sounds they are finding particularly difficult so we can support further in school.

PE

Year 1 have PE on a Monday and Friday. Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit for these days. This includes a coloured t-shirt for their house group, shorts/trousers, trainers or plimsolls (as we hope to get outside before the rain comes!). This term we will be practicing multi skills and dance.

Library

On a Tuesday children will have an opportunity to choose a book from the library to take home. These need to be returned by each Tuesday in order to check out a new book.

Express

On the 12th October you will have a chance to come into the Year 1 classroom after school to have a look around and take a look at your child's learning in their topic books. We look forward to showing you all our learning.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Miss Richards