

Aycliffe Village Primary School

Horse Chestnut Class - Year 1

Autumn Newsletter 2018



I hope you had a great summer and I would like to welcome you to Year 1.

What are we learning this term?



Phonics Phase 3

We will revise and recall all Phase 2 phonemes and move on to work on the Phase 3 digraphs (2 letters making one sound). Phonics homework will be sent home as we learn each sound.

We will be learning 'tricky' words throughout the year and spelling books will be sent home. We will not be doing weekly tests but the children will be practising and using these words as part of phonics and English lessons.

Topic

Our Topic work for this term will focus on the Geography of our school and the surrounding area. We will move on to think about where we are within the British Isles.

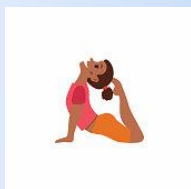
After half term we will be starting our History topic about toys. We will also take part in whole school events linked to Remembrance Day and the centenary of the end of World War I.

Science

Initially, this term, we will be looking at Seasonal Changes that occur Autumn, we will be linking this with our geography work in the school grounds. We will also be studying the parts of our bodies and our senses and how we can keep our bodies healthy.



PE



PE sessions are on a Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. This term Year 1 children will be taking part in gymnastics and ball games activities. Please ensure your child has a full, named PE kit in school (shirt, shorts, PE shoes, girls should have a soft bobble to tie their hair back).

Art /DT

Year 1 children will create Art work within the topic work we cover, notably self-portraits linking with our work in science. They will also produce art work linked to the centenary of the end of World War 1.



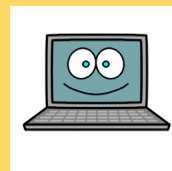
RE/PSHE/Music



Mrs Byrne will be teaching RE on a Tuesday morning in addition to French and music lessons. We have regular circle time activities in class at other times during the week.

ICT/Computing

We will be using the Beebots and other programmable toys to input code and debug algorithms. We will also be using the iPads to film and record video and take photos.



You can support your child's learning in the following ways:

- Listen to them read regularly and ask questions about what they read. Help them sound out words that they read. Please ensure sounds are pronounced correctly, e.g s is said sss not suh, m is said mm not muh. (More information will be sent out about phonics)
- Please help your child practise their letter and number formation. I will be sending additional information home regarding this.
- Please ensure reading books and reading records are in bags every day.
- Practise any maths activities sent home in homework books.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.

Please contact me at school if you have any further questions.

Many thanks

Mr J Underwood

Class Teacher

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