

Year 1 Autumn 2 Newsletter



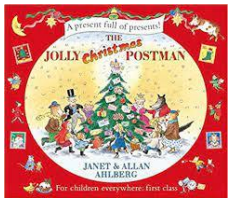
WE WILL NEED SOME ITEMS BROUGHT/SENT IN OVER THE COMING WEEKS, PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS.

We hope you all had a fun half term and have had a good first week back. It was great to be able to speak to you about your child's learning during parent consultations. We are looking forward to our new topic Memory Box which is all about our lives. We will compare our lives to people in the past, find out how we have changed and find out about where we live and our local neighbourhoods.

Writing



Our first text driver is 'The Disgusting Sandwich' this is a fun story about a badger who goes on an adventure to retrieve a sandwich that gets more and more disgusting. To start this book, we will make our own sandwich using a set of instructions. This will inform us on how to write our own instructions on how to make a disgusting sandwich for Badger.



Our second text driver is 'The Jolly Christmas Postman.' We will be using this text to learn how to write and format a letter. We will be linking to our Memory box topic by comparing toys from the past and present and writing letters to Santa.

Reading



Your child will be reassessed over the coming weeks and some children may move into a new group. The RWI routine for home readers will continue with new books coming home on a Thursday. Please aim to read with your child every day and practice sounds as well as the Red words and the green words. Ask your child if they can show you on their Fred fingers how to spell some of the green words. Please ensure that books are kept inside the folders and brought to school each day. It is especially important in the run up to Christmas that books are in daily as timetables can change around festive occasions.

Maths



We will be learning and assessing; Addition and Subtraction within 10 – using number bonds part whole diagrams, counting back on a number line, making subtraction number stories, solving picture problems and addition and subtraction problems.

Memory Box



We shall be covering geography, history, science and art in our topic work this half term. This half term, we will look at how our senses develop and how we learn about the world around us. We have asked you all to bring in a photo of your child as a baby and as a toddler so that they can look at how they have changed. In science, we will look at the key developments of babies, toddlers, children and adults and compare the different stages of life. In history, we will explore what a timeline is by looking at the children's own timeline. In geography, we will be focussing on our local surroundings and using North, East, South, and West. At the end of the topic children will be using their Oracy skills to present their memory boxes. We will be inviting parents into class to be our audience at the end of term.

To make this topic successful, we would like to request a few things to be sent in.

Your child will need:

1. A shoebox with a lid, with both box and lid wrapped separately in plain or patterned paper (not themed eg; No Birthday or Christmas wrapping, please)



We need to be able to open and close the box.

2. A photo of your child as a baby and toddler.
3. A photo of the outside of your home.

Photos to be emailed to class teachers as soon as possible and the boxes to be in school by 5th December

Art



We will be learning from famous artists, such as Picasso, and local artists, Patricia Good, Debbie Crane and Jason Butler. The children will explore the colour wheel and colour mixing. They will learn how to make secondary colours (green, orange and purple) from primary colours (red, blue and yellow). The children will be inspired by Picasso to make their own self portrait using their colour mixing as well as their prior learning from mark making. The children will have an opportunity to evaluate the work they have produced and make changes to improve this, based on the feedback they have been given.

PE



During PE this half term, we will also focus on social skills. Children will be working sensibly with others and taking turns. They will also learn to help, praise and encourage each other.

RE/ Music

This half-term our RE topic is Christianity. We will be focusing on the Christmas story and decide what gifts would be meaningful for Jesus. Our music this half term will link to Christmas. We will be learning lots of traditional Christmas songs, as well as rehearsing songs for our Christmas performance along with Year 2.

Homework.

Please continue to read with your child at home daily. 20 minutes of reading 5 times a week is recommended.

Optional extras

Reading - Attached is a set of word cards which can be printed and cut up. These are words which we frequently come across which may not be decodable using phonics. Your child can begin to practice reading these words at home. Encourage them to read these without sounding them out. The website <https://sightwords.com/sight-words/games> has many useful game ideas which you can play to help your child read these words by sight. It is advisable to practice 3-5 words at a time and introduce new words once the first set is easy for your child to read.

Maths- Find opportunities to talk about numbers in real life situations. For example: When on a walk ask your child what numbers they can see around them, 3 pine cones, 5 leaves, 2 dogs etc. Encourage them to see these numbers rather than count them. Please discuss the days of the week and months of the year with your children regularly.

Writing- Children can continue to practice correctly forming their letters and numbers at home. Next week they will be introduced to how to form capital letters. There is an attached sheet to help them practice these at home.

Oracy- Please speak to your child about what they were like as a baby or young child. You could discuss things like their first word, their first food, their favourite toys or share with them any sweet stories or memories. Over the next few weeks please have discussions with your children about their homes, their neighbourhood and the types of things that they find in their neighbourhoods.

Useful Websites

- Busy Things **Username** = home8972 **Password** = crazy8362
- Teach Handwriting - <https://teachhandwriting.co.uk/cursive-letters-beginners-choice-3.html>
- Sight words- <https://sightwords.com/sight-words/games/>

Key Dates:

Event	Date	Information
Deco day	27th November	We will spend this time making ornaments to decorate the school for Christmas
PTA Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30th November	PTA will send information
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 9th December	Year 2 will be taking on spoken roles of the nativity whilst Year 1 are the chorus for the songs, including two numbers sung only by Year 1. There will be two performances. 1A/2A audience members will be invited to our morning show at 9.15am and 1B/2B will be invited to our afternoon show at 2pm. More details to follow.
KS1 Christmas Party	Tuesday 16th December	Further details will be sent out closer to the time, but this will involve a shared party lunch and some exciting games and activities.
Memory Box presentations	Wednesday 17th December	Parents (or a grandparent) will be invited in to listen to children present their Memory boxes and talk about their learning at 2pm.
Christmas jumper day	Thursday 18 th December	Please wear a festive jumper for the season. PTA will collect donations.

We are looking forward to continuing to work with you to support your children.

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