

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

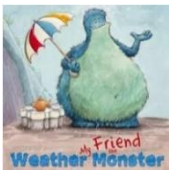


Welcome to Year 1! We hope you enjoyed your Summer holidays and are ready for a busy and exciting half-term. The children have already settled into the new routines of Year 1 and are excited about our new topic – Splendid Skies. If you have any books on the weather or seasons then please read these together at home.

Writing



This half term our two focus texts are 'Little Cloud' and 'My friend the Weather Monster'. In 'Little Cloud' we will be focusing on forming our letters correctly, using Fred Speak (phonic sounds) to sound out words and begin to write simple sentences to describe the weather. We will talk about the story and discuss our sentences before we write them independently. When reading 'My friend the Weather Monster' our focus will be describing words. We will be think of differnerent descriptive words using our senses. What something looks, sounds, like etc to write about the Weather Monster. Another focus will be chevking that the sentences make sense and beginning to have capital letters and full stops.



Reading



Your child is learning to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics, which is a very popular and successful literacy programme. As they have already done so in Reception they will continue with the program to: *Read letters by their 'sounds' *Blend these sounds into words *Read the words in a story and *Answer questions about a text.

Your child will bring home a levelled letter at each re-grouping. This will detail the learning taking place within the daily lessons. Please continue to encourage daily reading at home as reading is key to being a successful learner.

Maths



We will begin the term with the children exploring numbers to 10. They will be counting using one-to-one correspondence as well as ten frames to represent numbers. They will then be writing numbers using both numerals and words. Pupils are introduced to the concept of 0 by counting backwards. We will then be looking at Number Bonds and all the different ways to make 10. They will also begin to make their own addition equation in order to support the deeper understanding of the processes of addition.

Splendid Skies



We shall be covering geography, history, science and art in our topic work this half term. This half term, we will look at the changes in the world around us through the seasons. We will be learning the key vocabulary related to the changing seasons and different types of weather and how the weather is different around the world. We will carrying out many investigations and using scientific equipment such comparing the temperatures, wind speed, understanding how shadows are formed and why clouds change shape. We will be recording our investigations through drawings, photographs, annotations and simple graphs. Our research will take us back in time to learn about Sir Francis Beaufort, who he was and why he was important.

Art/DT



We will be learning from famous artists, such as 'Paul Klee', 'Kate Atkin' and exploring line, tone and pattern with a variety of materials in order to practice, create and evaluate our own artistic piece. We will link our artistic interpretations to the colour changes within the seasons. 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

This half term in the focus is on personal skills. Being able to follow instructions and moving different parts of the body in different ways such as hopping, skipping, running, and walking. In indoor PE the focus will be dance, again moving in different ways, but this time to the beat of the music and linking these movements to the weather such as how the wind moves, or how a thunder cloud rumbles.



1A (Mrs Barcis) – Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

1B (Miss Morris) – Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

RE

This half-term our RE topic is Christianity. We will be focusing on God and the creation of the world, reflecting on the question: 'Does God want Christians to look after the world?' Children will be using their own knowledge and opinions to answer this key question and discussing their opinions with others to understand other's viewpoints.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education)



In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, we will have a strong focus on all the initial class work of getting to know each other, class social bonding, introducing new systems and routines and creating a Learning Charter which usually happens in the first couple of weeks of the new academic year.

Useful Websites

- Busy Things **Username** = home8972 **Password** = crazy8362
- Oxford Owl 1A **Username** = year1amisst **Password** = Year1AMissT
- Oxford Owl 1B **Username** = year1bmissd **Password** = Year1BMissD

Key Dates:

Tuesday 14 th September	Curriculum Presentation available to parents via La Moye YouTube Channel
Monday 27 th September	School closed – Corn Riots!
Tuesday 19 th October and Thursday 21 st October	Parents Evening Details TBC.
Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October	Half Term.

Any questions our door is open or email us. If you want to have lengthy chat about your child rather than passing on information then please email us and we will do our best to find a time suitable.

We are looking forward to working with you to support your children.

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