

Infant 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 2

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break and that all the children are well rested.

This half term is the most special one of the year in infant 1 as we get ready for Christmas and all the fun and excitement that involves. Thank you for all your continuing support especially with reading and phonics and as always if you have any questions please come and see me.

Mrs Findlay x

Topic Our topic this half term is Light and we will be looking at light and dark, day and night and sources of light. We will be thinking about what we do in the day and what different things we might do at night and creating timelines of our day. Of course we will also be thinking about Christmas, writing letters to Santa and focusing on the Christmas story. Please find attached our knowledge organisers for this half term which outline the key objectives for this learning.

Literacy

In literacy, we will be beginning to use our phonic knowledge to write words and phrases independently.

We will continue looking at a super sentence each week, which we initially practise altogether and then write independently holding the sentence and sounding out the words we need. We will focus on some core texts linked to our topic including Peace at Last, Whatever next and Can't you sleep little Bear.

Preschool will focus on markmaking, pencil control and name writing



Reception Phonics and reading

We will continue to learn our set 1 phonics sounds. We are hoping to complete all of the sounds within set 1 by Christmas.

We have covered these sounds

m a s d t i n g o c k u b f e l

We will be focusing on these sounds this half term:

h sh r j v y w th z ch qu x ng nk

We will continue reading our different word time and ditty sheets and learning some more red words. Please continue to read with your child every night, regular home reading is so important.

Maths

In maths this half term we will be looking at –

Preschool – saying number names in order, counting and making small groups of objects and the numerals 1, 2 and 3

Reception -Numbers to 5, one more, one less, the composition of numbers and shapes. We will also continue to practice our number fluency and quick recall of number facts.

PE Our PE sessions this half term will be on Tuesdays (Yoga) and Fridays (Movement and music - dance). Children will need to come to school in their P.E kit on these days.



Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle incorporates dance, music and large movements to help children develop the fine muscle control they need for writing. They will learn a new gross motor movement to a piece of music while holding 'Flipper Flappers' (bits of fabric) while dancing along to the music.

Expressive art and design

This term, we are exploring mark making using a range of drawing materials to develop our creativity and control. The children will begin to draw from observation, using faces and self-portraits as inspiration. They will also experiment with creating their own digital art using iPads.

Boxes, tubes etc.

All the children really enjoy using our making area. Please can you save and small boxes and tubes that you might have at home and send them in.

REMINDERS !!!!

Label everything!

Please make sure that your child's clothing and belongings are labelled it really makes life a lot easier!

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk at snack time, please register with cool milk online. They only send enough milks for the registered children

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R.E

In RE this term, we've been learning about different festivals and stories that are special to many people. We started with Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, and thought about how light can remind us of goodness. During Remembrance, we talked about being thankful for those who have helped others. As we get closer to Christmas, we'll be learning about the Christian belief that God came to Earth as Jesus and retelling the Christmas Story in our own ways.

Nativity Play



We have already begun to learn our songs and lines for this year's Nativity play which will, all being well take place on Tuesday 9th December at 6pm.

