

Sandringham Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to Year 1 we have lots of exciting learning to look forward to in our first half term in Sandringham Class. We begin by stepping into the past with our topic 'Memory Box'.

English – Reading & Phonics

In Year 1 the children will continue to follow the school reading scheme to make progress through their level at their own pace. The expectation in Year 1 is for children to read at home at least 3 times in the week and record this in their Reading Diaries. This record of reading is recorded and rewarded in school using our 'Bee A Reader' initiative. Reading recorded: 1 time = **1 house point** 3 times = **2 house points** 5 times = **3 house points**

Monster Phonics:

This half term the children will move into the next phase of phonics. We will be covering the following graphemes;

Week 1- ff, ll, ss, zz, nk, ck

Week 2 - tch, ve, ai

Week 3 - oi, ay, oy

Week 4 - a-e

Week 5 - e-e, i-e, o-e

Week 6 - u-e, u-e, ar

English – Writing, handwriting, grammar, punctuation, and spelling

We follow the National Curriculum for the delivery of skills in writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. The books that we will explore this term will allow opportunities to learn and rehearse these skills. Such as, use capital letters and full stops to write sentences. The children will begin to learn strategies for decoding new words in reading.



During the first half term we will enjoy our unit based on 'Memory Box'. We will then go on to explore stories containing lost toys.

In the second half term our English work will be linked to our History topic - Great Fire of London and we will delve into a variety of fiction and non-fiction books based on London as our inspiration.

Maths

Following the White Rose scheme of work Year 1 will focus on the following units during the Autumn term: **Number – Place Value within 10, Number – Addition and Subtraction within 10, Geometry– Shape, Number – Place Value within 20.** To support your child at home please practice counting and recognising numbers to 10 and then when your child is ready 20. You could go on a shape hunt around your home or around the village.

Science

Animals including Humans:

In this unit children will identify parts of the body and discuss senses. They will explore a wide range of animals and begin to learn how to classify and sort them into groups. The children will be introduced to the terms omnivore, carnivore and herbivore and begin to explore prey and predators.

Other Curriculum Subjects

History: Memory Box

In history for the first part of the Autumn term we will be examining how life has changed in the last 100 years. We will consider changes in transport, toys, clothing and technology.

Great Fire of London

In the second half of the Autumn term we will learn all about how the significant UK event of the Great Fire of London changed history beyond living memory.

RE: In line with the Warwickshire syllabus, we will learn -**Who is Christian and what do they believe?** We will consider how we fit within our community while discussing the beliefs of Christian people.

PE:

PE is on a Monday and Friday afternoon.

Monday- Fundamental Movement

Friday – Throwing and catching

Please ensure your child has their full kit in school for these days. White T-shirt, PE shorts and trainers

Art & Design:

We will be using paint techniques and will paint our favourite toy.

Design & Technology: Design and make a healthy sandwich

Computing: Online Safety

Through this unit children will be introduced to how they can stay safe online.

Music: Music Through The Decades

An opportunity to explore the music of many famous musicians from the last 70 years, exploring, appreciating, and discussing musical style as well as developing an understanding of tempo, pitch, timbre and dynamics.

Homework

Expectation in Year 1 is that all children read from their school banded book and adults record this reading.

We do hope that your child enjoys their first term of this academic year with us. If you do have any worries or concerns, please feel free to contact us on SeeSaw, or speak to one of the Year 1 Team

Year 1 Team – Mrs. Fisher Class Teacher and Mrs. Buckingham Teaching Assistant