



Welcome to Year 1

Autumn 1 Newsletter – Back from Holiday



Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a lovely summer break. We are your Year One team – Miss Herbert,, Mrs Mushtaq and Mrs Chohan. This newsletter is a little longer than usual as we wanted to help you know what is expected now that your child has moved into Year 1 as we know it can feel like a big change! To help with this we will be having a new to Year 1 parent meeting later this half term and it would be lovely to see as many people as possible there!



If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.



Our class webpage is updated regularly to include photos of the activities we are doing in class and includes class newsletters and spellings in case paper copies are left in trays! You can find our page at :<https://www.allsaintsce.rochdale.sch.uk/year-1/>



We have lots of fun things planned for our first half term back which you can find out more about below. Our first topic is 'Back from Holiday' and is a history-based topic looking at how holidays have changed over the years. Children will reflect on their own holidays so could you please talk to your child about what they have done when they have been on holiday. As part of their topic homework, if you have any pictures of your child on holiday could you please print some and bring them into school or send them to the office email so we can add them to our class map of locations we have visited?



English – we will have daily phonics lessons to build on our sounds for reading. In writing, we will be focusing on letter formation and using our sounds to spell words. We will begin to use finger spaces between our words to help build a sentence.



Maths – we are focusing on counting forwards and backwards to 10, looking at adding and subtracting within 10 and recognising the +, - and = symbols.



Geography – we will be looking at some human and physical features of holidays at the beach.



History – we will be looking at how holidays were different in the past and how lots of holidays were taken in the UK.

Science – we will be looking at the changes that occur during the season of Autumn and the Human Body and Senses.



Computing – we will be exploring technology around us and begin to use a mouse and a keyboard.



P.E. – **Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Thursday.** Please make sure that your child wears their P.E. kit to school on these days – a plain white t-shirt, plain black bottoms and their school jumper or cardigan. Children should wear their black school shoes as they will change into their black plimsolls in school. All jewellery and earrings must be removed.



R.E. – we will be looking at 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' and looking at all the different groups the children belong to.



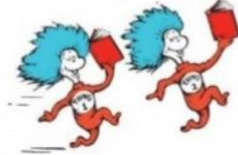
Homework Expectations for Year 1

Your child will bring home 2 reading books which will be changed on Thursday each week. The paper copy of the RWI book will be a copy of the book we have already read at school, so your child should be able to confidently read this to you. The other will be a book on the same colour band that they have not seen before so will need reading at least 3 times to build up confidence and fluency.





The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.



"Practice creates confidence"

Please sign and date your child's reading record every time they read and if they struggled on a sound, read with ease or particularly enjoyed the book let us know.

Spellings – Your child will be given a spelling list to practise on a Friday ready for a spelling test the following Friday. You can practise these spellings however you want to, or you can complete them on the sheet. If the paper copy is misplaced, the spelling list is on our class webpage.

English and Maths homework – each week your child will receive English homework on Friday and Maths homework on Monday.

Topic Homework – In Year 1 your child will come home with a topic homework sheet in a homework book covering different activities. This homework is to be completed over a few weeks and to be returned by the date stated on the sheet.

Year 1 Important Dates to remember:

MONDAYS – Hand in Maths homework.

WEDNESDAYS – PE day

THURSDAYS – Bring reading books to be changed with signed reading records and PE day

FRIDAYS - Children will get English homework due the following Friday and spellings to practise.

Finally, please can you make sure that your child's name is on all jumpers/cardigans and water bottles. If you would like one of us to write it on using a permanent marker, please just ask one of us.

We know we are going to have a wonderful time in Year 1 and we look forward to working with everybody

Year 1 team