



Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back! We hope you have had a very enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to your child enjoying learning and achieving throughout their time in year 1. We have lots of exciting and valuable learning opportunities planned for the children and look forward to the year ahead. We would like to begin this year by informing you of the coverage across a range of subjects for the coming half term.

Our topic during Autumn 1 is focused around the enquiry question “What Makes Me, Me?” In PSHCE, we will explore the important role of families and friends, and body image, which also links with science where we will be learning all about the human body and our senses.

In art, we will continue with this theme by looking at self-portraits and how to draw from close observation. We will be studying the work of other artists before creating our own final pieces for display.

In English lessons we will be looking at a range of fiction texts linked to feelings and emotions. We will focus on the text ‘Giraffes Can’t Dance’ by Giles Andreae where we will talk about what we are good at and the positive characteristics of perseverance and resilience. Reading books will be sent home on a Monday – please read and sign/ comment on your child’s progress. As well as reading school books, it would be hugely beneficial to the children to share as many story books as possible to promote their love of reading.

In maths we will mainly focus on number and place value this half term. This will involve children developing their fluency in counting, reading and writing numbers to 10 and beyond and knowing the number bonds to 10. We will also be looking at how to complete addition and subtraction calculations and applying this in a range of problem solving contexts. We focus heavily on representations in maths and use visual and practical resources to represent numbers and number sentences.

Outdoor PE this term will be Hockey where we will practise hitting and receiving the ball as well as covering the safety aspects of the game. During indoor PE sessions, we will develop our Gymnastic skills. Children will require appropriate indoor and outdoor PE kits, especially footwear for Hockey, which will be outside.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and will consist of a set of 5 spellings and some maths. This will begin from next week.

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In RE, we will be looking at exploring the theme of beliefs and moral values in Christianity through enquiry. Our key question is “Does God want Christians to look after the world?” Please continue to read the online newsletter available on the school website for up-and-coming events. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

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