

# Year 1 Newsletter Terms 3 and 4 2024



## Happy New Year Everyone and welcome to the new term in Year 1

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends. We were all so proud of the children and their Nativity Performance! They were amazing and worked so hard learning the songs. We would also like to thank you for all your kind Christmas wishes and generous gifts. We are excited to be back and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We have so many fantastic learning adventures planned and cannot wait to begin the learning this term!

### In Term 3, we will enjoy learning about . . .

#### Toys and Materials

Our themes this term are linked to our learning in Science and History. We will continue investigating and exploring materials around us. We will find out about different materials and how they can be used. We will be learning about toys from long ago and making toys in Design Technology lessons.

In Art and Design, we will be working on some exciting projects in both painting and sculpture. We will use the artists Georges Seurat and Pablo Picasso to inspire our work.



### Reading and Home Learning



A gentle reminder – we ask that a parent or carer reads with the children in Year 1 everyday at home. This only needs to be for a short time but makes a big difference. Please can you write in their contact books so we know this is happening. This consistent practise really is the best way to ensure that new skills are being used and that reading improves quickly.

Children will need their bookbags, contact books and Little Wandle reading book **in school everyday.**

Home learning books will continue to be sent home on Friday and should be back in school on the following Wednesday.

### Proud Clouds in Year One



We would like to start sharing your child's proud learning moments from home. We will celebrate these in class which is a very special moment. Please share with us as often as you can any notable new learning achievements – Thank you for supporting our work in school.

### Little Wandle Phonics

We will be learning the new phonemes (sounds) from Phase 5 as we continue with Little Wandle. We have included a Grapheme Mat in the children's Home Learning Books. Please use this to practise the graphemes (sounds) with your child.

### In Term 4, we will enjoy learning about . . . **Here, there and everywhere!**

We will begin to explore in Geography, by finding out about where we live. We will be learning about the countries and capitals in the UK. We will observe the changing seasons and begin to look for signs of Spring as we work outside together.

We will focus on being as healthy as we can in our work in PHSE. We will think about keeping our bodies healthy. We will be learning about road safety and how medicines can help us to feel better.

- P.E will continue to be on **Thursday** and **Friday**. This term we will need some black plimsolls for our inside PE lessons.
- Please ensure that **all uniform is name labelled** to avoid lost clothes.
- Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school that they can open by themselves. These should only contain water.
- Tuck shop continues to be on a **Friday**. Prices range from 25p to 50p