

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are feeling refreshed!

Key Dates:

Class Assembly	Friday 26th November
Harvest service	6th October
Parents evenings	14th and 15th December
Christmas service	20th December

Reminders:

- **PE:** Our PE day this term is **Tuesday** (Coach Johnny).
- Please wear your PE kit on Tuesday. The correct kit is a navy T-Shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, or black plimsolls for indoor lessons.
- **Homework:** Homework is set on Fridays and collected in the following Wednesday. Homework is set online using Doodle Maths, Numbots and Spelling Frame.
- Please make sure your child reads for at least **10 minutes per day** and records something in their yellow Reading Record.
- **Reading records are checked daily and need to be in school every day.** They are also used to communicate with parents, so please do check for notes (and of course, feel free to respond).
- Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please **re-read your books** on the days that books are not changed. This is very important.

If you would like to meet me to discuss anything, please feel free to make an appointment for after school.

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'Love each other as I have loved you' – John 15:12



Year 1

Autumn term curriculum letter

Our science topic this term is
Animals including humans: Q- Are they all called 'animals',
even if they are so different?



Our humanities topic this term is
Changes within living memory: Q- How has life changed?



Humanities

In this unit, we will think about our own memories of using transport and think about the routes we take to school. We will explore different artefacts from transport throughout history and think about the ways they are similar and different. We will study accounts of historic journeys to discover why they were so important. We will learn all about the Wright Brothers and the first aeroplane flight and then consider how changes in transport led to the first moon landing. In Geography we will learn about human and physical features and use precise geographic terms to describe them accurately. We will also be looking at maps and learning some of the features of maps.

Art and DT

Our art unit for the term is drawing. We will explore techniques and materials to draw including drawing thick and thin lines, patterns and shapes. In DT we will design our own car and build it using wheels and axels.

Music

In music we will be learning about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch using old-school Hip-Hop. We will sing, play, improvise and compose music.

PSHE

We are learning to understand: about different types of feelings, how we manage different feelings and about change or loss and how this can feel. We will use our 'getting back to green' to help regulate our emotions and feelings.

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Literacy

We will start the term with story telling and writing our own story based on an African-American story called the sweetest song. We will then write letters, information texts and further stories based around the text 'The Egg Box Dragon'.

Please ensure your child is continuing to read daily and support them to practise spelling the Year 1 Common exception words.

RE

In this unit we will answer the question: What responsibility has God given people for taking care of creation? We will know and retell the creation story and where it comes in the bible. We will explore what the story of creation tells us about the world and what it might mean for a Christian. We will then talk about what we can do to take care of the world and what difference it can make for everyone. After half term we will learn about Christian saints and the importance of the Nativity Story.

PE

In PE we are learning how to control, track and receive a ball and throwing and catching beanbags and balls. We will consider the effects of exercise on their body and will improve our fitness with an End to end challenge.

Science

Our Science topic for this term is 'Animals including Humans'. We will start our unit by learning the names of our different body parts and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

We will then explore some of the animals that live around our school, looking carefully at what they like to eat and where they like to live. We will explore the different structures of animals and learn to classify them as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Last of all we will learn that animals eat different things and learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Maths

In maths this term we will be exploring numbers and place value to 20. We will consolidate our counting showing one to one correspondence and comparing numbers using the <> and = signs. We will identify the number of tens and ones in a number and will begin to learn how to add and subtract numbers including recalling number bonds to 20. Please continue to help children log into Doodle Maths regularly and stay in the green. Children will also need to access Numbots regularly.

Computing

In computing this term we will become familiar with the term 'technology'. We will learn to classify what is and what is not technology. After we will focus on learning how to log in and access the resources we need to support our learning. Please support your child to learn their usernames and passwords.