
Autumn 1 Newsletter 2023

Welcome

Welcome to Year 1 and the Autumn Term!

We wanted to update you on a few things you may need to know this term.

Reading and Phonics – As in Reception, reading is now aligned with our new phonics scheme. Each week we will be reading a book as a class. The children will bring this book home at the end of the week. Please hear them read it as often as you can. Four times a week is recommended. Please record when you've heard them read in their reading record. If your child reads this book easily, please focus on developing their fluency and use of expression.

We will be continuing our Phonics learning, following on directly from the end of Reception. We will be starting to learn the Phase 5 digraphs. These are mostly alternative spellings of digraphs taught in Reception. For example, we will be learning the 'ay' spelling of the previously learn 'ai' sound.

This term, until Christmas we will be working in a similar style to Reception. The children will have 2 star jobs a day (English and Maths) and a range of play based activities where they rehearse and consolidate their learning, linked to Year One objectives.

Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

Mrs Steen –Oak Class - s.steen@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

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We are also available for brief discussions on the door, at drop off and pick up.

REMINDERS

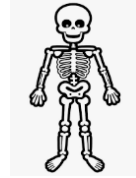
- PE is Tuesdays and Fridays
- Please name **all** items of clothing, including PE clothes.
- All children need a **named** water bottle, every day.



Geography

- In Geography we are learning about the weather and seasons around the UK.
- We will be identifying the different types of weather and their associated symbols.

This Half Term our Discovery learning topics are:



All about me!

and

Seasons and weather



We are learning all about our bodies and the weather and changes which we experience in Autumn.

Science

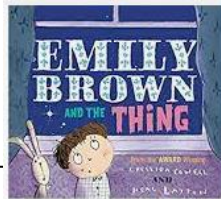
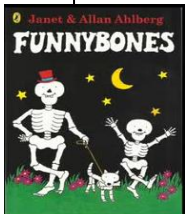
We will be learning about;

- The names of our different external and internal body parts.
- The 5 senses and we will explore these through practical investigations.
- We will be learning about the changes to the weather and plants during the Autumn.

English

We have a class book every few weeks to base our learning around. These link to our topic.

- We will learn to read and write the Phase 5 sounds and associated Tricky Words.
- We will continue to read books that match the sounds we have been taught to practise and consolidate our reading skills.
- We will continue to apply our sounds in our writing. We will also begin to identify which spelling is needed when there is more than one possible GPC.
- We will learn rhymes to form our letters correctly.
- We are learning to use capital letters and full stops.



PSHE

This half term our PSHE learning supports our Science learning. We use the SCARF resources.

- We will be learning about our bodies and how to keep them healthy.

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This half term we will be learning about the Christian creation story and celebrating all God provides us with through harvest celebrations.



Maths

We follow 'White Rose Maths' scheme of work. We use the Mastery approach to ensure children have a deep understanding of concepts.

This half term will be learning about;

Place Value (within 10) and Addition and subtraction (within 10).

We will be;

- Sorting and counting objects
- Representing numbers
- Counting forwards and backwards with 10
- Finding one more and one less
- Exploring greater and less than
- Ordering numbers

All new concepts are taught using the concrete- pictorial- abstract progression.



PE

Gymnastics- simple gymnastic shapes and actions

Games- Attack, defend and shoot

Computing

This half term we will be exploring the importance of staying safe, both when online and when using different devices.



Arts and Design-Drawing

- We will explore different mark making techniques and line.
- We will apply these skills in drawing a self portrait.

Music

Our theme is 'All About Me'. We will be using our bodies as instruments to create music