



Autumn Newsletter

Year 2

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the sunshine during the holidays.

Our start time in the morning is 8.50 am. At home time, children are collected from the classroom door at 3.15 pm and parents are asked to follow the one way system around school.

As you know, our topic this term is 'Home Sweet Home'. We will be learning about Excalibur, Alsager and significant historical individuals from the wider area. Has anyone famous ever visited Alsager? Which local legends have you heard of? In October, we have a workshop to look forward to.

Our English work will be based around several books by leading authors such as Lynley Dodd, Dick King Smith and Nick Butterworth. We will use these books to inspire our writing and to improve our grammatical knowledge. Throughout the term, we will practise handwriting to ensure that letter formation is correct and that all letters sit appropriately on the line, before starting Excalibur cursive handwriting which is neat, efficient and fluid in style, later on in Year 2.

In maths, we will be clicking and clapping our way through the 2x, 5x and 10x tables. We will secure our knowledge of place value and use this to solve problems using the four rules of number.

I have provided links on our class page on the school website to some very useful and fun maths games.

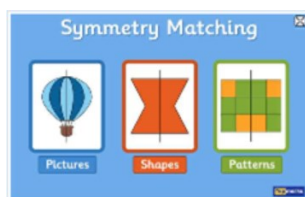
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/

<http://mathszone.co.uk/>

Try the interactive games on Snappy Maths. We will be using some of these in class.

<http://www.snappymaths.com/counting/counting.htm>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting> This website is full of games to practise maths skills, not just symmetry games. We sometimes use it in computing time. It looks like this:



In science, we will be identifying plants and animals as well as simple food chains. We will go out to explore the school grounds to see which plants and animals we can already name and to learn some more. The children are going to devise ways of finding out which creatures visit our grounds at night time. Closer to Christmas, we will learn about sound, volume and

Homework

Prodigy homework will be set when it is appropriate to our class learning. Children are welcome to try any of the activities on MyMaths in between times, password in the planner. Please practise 10x table initially and then 5x and 2x. From January, we will be learning the 3x and 4x tables. The children may be asked to spend some time playing a game using a link on our class page on the website.

Reading and spelling homework will be sent home on Fridays and returned the following Wednesday. Spellings will be tested a week after taking them home. Guided Reading homework may be about your child's reading book or it may be completely independent of their reading material.

Water bottles

We feel that it is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in named bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. These should be taken home every night for washing and refilling.

Book Bags

Children in Key stage 1 are lucky to be able to bring their book bags to school. The blue Excalibur book bags are ideal or something of similar size, so that 6 can fit into one trug.

PE

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Fridays. In the present circumstances, children should come to school wearing their Excalibur PE kits on their PE days. Track suits and fleeces may be worn in cold weather.

Please try to make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

If you have any queries or questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me through either the school email contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk, the phone or your school planner.

We are going to have an exciting year.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Weatherby

