

Year 1 Autumn 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you've enjoyed the summer break and that all is well for you and your families. It is a real pleasure for me to be teaching your children in Year 1 and getting to know them more in the past few days has helped me to plan our term, bearing in mind their individual personalities and learning styles.

As a Year 1 pupil, your child is at the beginning of Key Stage One and will begin to access the National Curriculum 2014. The subjects will mostly be taught through a termly theme (see over) so that I can make your children's learning enjoyable and meaningful. At the end of the school year, all Year 1 children now have to undertake a statutory phonic assessment – I would strongly recommend that you attend any 'Read, Write Inc.' meetings (if you haven't already!) so that you are fully informed about our approach to phonics here at Excalibur – it is a key part of our reading and early Literacy programme.

Reading books will be changed on a weekly basis following guided reading sessions in school on an allocated day. The reading learning objective will be in the home/school planner and the task linked with the book will be in a yellow, A4 homework book. Please comment in the planner about your child's reading at home, as it helps me to understand your child's engagement with books in a different context. Maths homework will be games, activities or tasks that link with an aspect of Numeracy that has been taught in school using "MyMaths". I will explain these systems more fully at our "Meet the Teacher" meeting early next week.

As you may already know, Excalibur's learning platform allows us to use resources called 'Purple Mash.' The range of activities is great – if you have access to the internet, I would recommend that you explore some of them with your child.

P.E. sessions will be on a Wednesday and Friday. The main kit is shorts, t-shirt and suitable footwear. Please leave a P.E. kit in school all week. Health and safety regulations stipulate that children with earrings are unable to participate in P.E. Therefore I would greatly appreciate children preferably coming to school without their earrings on P.E. days, or covering their earrings with micropore tape before their P.E. session begins.

There will be a note coming home with your child shortly, to ask if you would like to pay for your child to attend ASM football/multiskills club after school on a Wednesday. Can I please request that you send a complete and separate football kit into school on that day, to include football t-shirt and shorts, shin-pads, football socks and boots/trainers. The coaches will help the children to change - you are also welcome to come and help too!

Our 'Meet the Teacher meeting' is on **Tuesday 9th September at 4.00pm**. This is a short, informal meeting held in our Year 1 class room to talk about plans for the year ahead and the 'ins and outs' of day to day/week to week in Year 1. If you have any worries or anything that you would like to discuss with me before then, please drop in or telephone school.

The children have had a really super start to the term! Here's to a great Year 1!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Ling



English

Read, Write Inc daily lesson
Instructions – making a hat
Recount – visit to the Hat Museum
Labels, lists and captions
Thank-you letters and notes
... through shared, group and individual speaking, listening, reading and writing

Design and Technology and Art

Identifying and exploring different materials.
Felt making
Designing and making hats
Joining materials

Numeracy

Counting:

Objects to at least 20
Forwards and backwards from 0 to 20 and beyond
Solve problems
Compare, estimate, order, read & write numbers to 20 and beyond

Partitioning:

Place value of 2 digit numbers
Put numbers on tracks and lines

Calculation:

Addition and subtraction using related language & signs
Solve problems, explaining methods and reasoning

Shapes:

Properties of 2D / 3D shapes
Pattern in shapes & numbers

Science

Sorting and Using Materials

Properties of materials
Sorting materials
Investigation 'Which is the best material to use for a purpose'
Exploring shiny objects

RE

Introduction to the Bible as a special book for Christians - Creation
People who met Jesus: stories from the New Testament
Baptism and belonging
Christmas

PE

Games – skills of throw, catch, aim. Dance – remember and repeat short dance phrases, moving with control and create a short dance

PSHCE

Exploring emotions – happy, sad, excited, proud etc.

Role-play

Magician's workshop

'HATS'

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ICT

Log on and keyboard skills
Labelling and sorting
Giving instructions to programmable toy

Geography/History

Where in the world?
Recognise places on a map or atlas
Who wears hats in our local community?
Hats through time
How hats have changed

Music

Sounds Interesting – Exploring Sounds
The Long and Short of it! - duration
Traditional songs and rhymes