



Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1! This half term, our value is 'COMMUNITY'. In class and during Collective Worship we will be thinking about how we are all part of a community, that each of us is unique but that at Nutfield Church we can build one team by supporting and caring for each other. After half term our value will be 'PEACE'. This term we will be challenging ourselves with our learning. We will be continuing to use our phonics, punctuation and grammar when we write. There will be a big focus on handwriting to ensure that the children have excellent letter formation.

English and Phonics

English lessons will centre around high quality texts which enable children to practise structuring their sentences correctly and will support their phonetic learning and reading skills. There will be opportunities for children to explore key concepts through drama. We expect all children to read regularly at home and ask that yellow reading diaries "live" in book bags so they can be accessed at school and at home. Please do ensure these are signed regularly by yourselves. Regarding phonics this term, we will be learning phase 5 phonemes and applying the blending and segmenting skills the children learnt in Reception. Each morning there will be a guided reading carousel of phonics and spelling activities and games that aim to consolidate their knowledge of Phase 3 phonemes and introduce them to new ones.

Wellbeing

We encourage our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect. We will continue to teach Philosophy for Children to foster critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise these skills across the curriculum. This term will focus on our school community and a right to basic needs.

We will also be in charge of looking after the school's chickens.

Maths

In Maths we are learning to count, read and write numbers to 20 and use our knowledge to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will also be looking at a range of 2D shapes and sorting them based on their properties as well as investigating length and height.

Science, Computing and Design & Technology

'Animals Including Humans' is our topic this half term. We will be learning about the human body and in particular our senses. After half term, we will learn about the different types of creatures in the world from mammals to reptiles. Interspersed with this, we will learning about each of the seasons throughout the year in our Science lessons. This academic year we will continue to teach Science alongside Computing and Design & Technology.

R.E. and Collective worship

Our focus this half term will be 'Taking Care of Creation' and our Christmas unit, will link with families and our school value 'Community'. We have a daily Collective Worship where we will continue our learning and understanding of our school values within a Christian community.

Expressive Arts

Our focus in Art and Design this term is painting and drawing. This year, we are focusing on a different artist each term. This term our artist is Piet Mondrian. Where possible expressive arts will be also be linked to our History and Geography topics. In Music we will be looking at three songs "Hey You", "Rhythm in the Way we Walk" and "Banana Rap", all fun songs written for younger children by educationalists to encourage children to sing and move! We will also learn some basic French such as greetings, counting to 10 and the days of the week.

P.E.

On Friday afternoon, the children will have P.E. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, navy blue/yellow T-shirts and trainers (plimsoles for indoor sessions please). If girls wear tights to school, please make sure there is a spare pair of socks in their P.E. bag. Please make sure all items are named. Also, long hair should be tied up. P.E. kits should be brought to school on Monday and will be sent home fortnightly for washing. P.E is a very important part of the curriculum and it is vital that the children bring in full kit. If your child is unable to take part in a P.E lesson, please write a note to let us know.



History and Geography

This year we will be teaching History and Geography discreetly, and the topics respectively are 'Shops since the 1930s' and 'Sun hats or umbrellas'. This will enable our children to learn about history in a chronological way and to learn historical concepts. In Geography, lessons will encourage geographical skills and fieldwork.

Uniform

Please label all items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags to help your child become more responsible and independent. The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue Nutfield Church jumper/cardigan. Children may wear small, discreet studs in their ears, but no other jewellery please. Shoes should be dark coloured and sensible.

Home learning

Home learning will be handed out every Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. It is important it comes in by Wednesday so we have a chance to mark the children's work and stick in new homework. If your child is unable to complete the homework for any reason, please don't worry, at this stage in their education it is optional.

Key Dates

Harvest Service at Christ Church - Friday 7th October 9.30am

Half term - Monday 24th October 2022 - Friday 28th October

Return to school - Monday 31st October.

Remembrance Service - Friday 11th November 2022 - 11.00am

Inset day - Friday 25th November.

Parent and Carer Evenings- 28th - 30th November

Last day of Autumn term - Friday 16th December