



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 significant 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 afternoon after lunch we will have a chance to play games and practice the sounds we have learnt.

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 practice 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. We will learn that they have needs just like humans. We will explore and discuss what animals need to stay healthy and happy.

Maths

In Maths this term we are learning to count, compare, read and write numbers to 10 and use our knowledge to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will also be looking at a range of 2D and 3D shapes and recognising them, sorting them and naming them.

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 be 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 understanding and talking about 'Why did Jesus tell stories'. Our Christmas unit will be looking at 'Who is in the nativity'. The values we are looking at this term are Community and Peace and the children will be creating artwork around these values. 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.



Any questions please just ask,
The Year One team

History and Geography

This year we will be teaching History and Geography discreetly, and the topics respectively are 'The first aeroplane flight' 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.

Homework

Homework will now be sent out online every Friday and the online activities must be completed by the following Wednesday. 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-
Half term- Saturday 25th October – Sunday 2nd November
Anti-Bullying week- Monday 13th- Friday 17th November
Year One Phonics training- Tuesday 11th November 3:30pm – 4:15pm – classroom
Parent/Carers- meetings Monday 2th November – Thursday 27th November
School photographer individual photos- Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November – odd socks all week