

## Autumn 1 in Year 1

Welcome back! This term our topic is People and Places. We will be learning who helps us, how and why!

**Writing**— This term, we hope to have a visit from the fire services, the police, Wokingham recycling team and first aid training. Through these experiences and building on the children's own knowledge of who helps us and why, we will be learning to apply phonic knowledge to write words and think about using capital letters at the start of sentences and for names. Children will be building on their learning in F2 to apply basic literacy skills as their foundations to Writing. Keep a look out for weekly phonic letters home to help your child enhance their phonic skills.

**Maths** — Our first unit of work focuses on place value, the value of each digit in a number. We will look at sorting, counting, representing number, counting on and counting back. We will look at using the phrases, fewer, more, the same as and less than, greater than, equal to. Please work with your child at home on their Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS) which can be found at the bottom of each page in your child's reading diary. Finally this term, we will become used to using a number line in our daily activities.

**Reading**—In Year 1, we LOVE Reading! Your child will come home with three books a week! One that links to their phonic knowledge, please read this one together daily and note your reading in their diary. A second, which is a sharing book for you to read to your child. A third will be their library book is also for you to read and discuss together, all books will be changed fortnightly so please ensure these books come to school with your child daily. Each week a child in each class will also take home a Reading Treat bag. In the bag will be the class Reading cuddly toy alongside two books for you and your child to read together. There will also be a little diary for you to write a comparison in of which book you preferred and why. Your child could draw a picture of themselves with the Reading cuddly toy too! Please return the bag on a Monday and your child will then be able to share their findings with the class.

**Science** — This term we will be looking at our bodies, and what we know about the human body alongside our senses, what we use them for and how our lives may change if we are or become impaired.

**PE** — Each Tuesday and Thursday, please wear PE clothes to School. In our time with USports this term, we will be focussing on Rugby skills. In our Teacher led PE activities we will be exploring travelling through running, jumping, throwing and catching.

**Geography** — We will be designing and following a map, using geographical language to describe our school and its grounds, alongside our community and the United Kingdom. We hope to go out for a local area walk in Autumn 2.

**RE** — We will be learning about what do Christians believe about God.

**Arts and Design** — Over the course of the year we will be learning about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers. We will be describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to our own work. We will use a range of materials creatively to design and make our own artwork to be proud of! Our Artist focus this term is Orla Kierley. Using her methods we will be creating print artwork. In DT, we will be enjoying describing the properties of food ingredients: taste, smell, texture and consistency and using equipment safely to prepare food. We hope to create food face wraps and cutting out images of vegetables to create self portraits.

**PSHE** — This term we will be talking about respecting ourselves, others and our classroom environment. We will be discussing why we should respect others, how we can work better together and to understand and appreciate that everyone of us has a right to learn.

**Computing** — In Computers this term we will begin to understand how a PC works, turning on and off, navigating a software package and using the keyboard to write our name

**Music**— This term we will be 'Keeping the Pulse' where children explore keeping the pulse together through music and movement, by exploring their favourite things.



### Dates to remember...

**24th September**  
Y1 Meet the Teacher @ 9.15am in the school hall

**18th September**  
Apple Class Cake Sale

**2nd October**  
Cherry Class Cake Sale

**16th October**  
Plum Class Cake Sale

**21st & 23rd October**  
Parents Evenings

**23rd October**  
Break up for half term

**24th October**  
INSET Day

### Donations please...

**CAKES!** We'd love your donations of cake and your time to help with the cake sales please. Please make sure if they are homemade, that you include an ingredients list.

Paper plates for Art activities.

Your time! Do you have a spare afternoon that you could help us listen to children read? Please speak to your child's class teacher, we would love your support!

Could you support our local area walks? We walk through our community termly, your help to support us would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's class teacher know.

